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Teacher loses licence after abuse claims

Guilty of misconduct. Complaints made against female teacher include allegations that she had sex with a student and gave him alcohol

A Toronto high school teacher has been found guilty of professional misconduct following allegations she had sex with a 16-year-old student and performed sexual acts via video with him while other students watched.

The disciplinary committee panel of the Ontario College of Teachers found Nathalie Champagne, a teacher at Monseigneur-de-Charbonnel, a French Catholic high school in North York, guilty of misconduct Wednesday following numerous complaints, including that of sexual and verbal abuse of a student.

The college has revoked her teaching certificate.

Brian Jamieson, senior communications officer with the Ontario College of Teachers, could not confirm which allegations were proven to be fact. But an earlier document from the college listed a range of complaints made against the teacher, including that Champagne brought a 16-year-old student to her home, served him alcohol, and had sexual relations with him, including performing oral sex on him.

There were also complaints that Champagne made inappropriate comments to the student. One alleged that when he tried to end their relationship, she said: "You're the eighth guy to have dumped me," and "I hate my life."

Champagne did not attend Wednesday's hearing date, and did not have a lawyer present. She could not be reached for comment. Both Monseigneur-de-Charbonnel high school and the French Catholic school board declined to comment.

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Caught by a stray bullet

Man injured in College Street patio shooting was a bystander, police say, who merely happened to be sitting near the gunman's target PAGE 4

No freedom for feminist punks

Order to keep women in jail while police investigate Russia's 'punk prayer' incident draws condemnation at home and abroad PAGE 12

Up in arms over hugs

A group of young students is protesting their school's "no loving, no shoving" motto, saying hugs of friendship should be allowed PAGE 6

HOT STONE

Actress Emma Stone attends the German premiere of The Amazing Spider-Man in Berlin Wednesday. Stone is one of seven babes who will be ruling the box office this summer. Who are the other six? See page 47. SEAN GALLUP/GETTY IMAGES

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Parking rates may increase

City council. Toronto Parking Authority's proposed hike would bring in an extra $4 million a year

Toronto's on-street parking rates will increase an average of 11 per cent if city council approves a hike at its July meeting.

The proposed increases would bump up the Toronto Parking Authority's average take from a street parking space to $2.13 an hour from $1.92.

The current $1 an hour and $1.50 an hour spots — about 7,000 — would be unchanged.

Councillor Ana Bailão, a member of the parking authority's board of directors, said the increases "are in areas that can sustain it. They're very busy areas. If we're expecting people to pay $3 to go on transit, we can assume that people can pay $3 or $4 for a parking spot."

The rate request would generate an extra $4 million a year. The city-owned parking authority — which also operates all the Green P off-street lots in the city — turns over a big chunk of its net revenue to the city. Last year, about $42 million flowed into city coffers from the parking authority.

Meanwhile, finance staff are recommending a policy change whereby a parking ticket can be cancelled if it was issued within 10 minutes of the purchased time's expiration. The current grace period is five minutes.

The report said extending the grace period will mean fewer disputes going to trial, and that will free up courts to handle more serious parking and traffic offences.

Coun. Shelley Carroll said she doesn't support the longer grace period.

"When we're advocating for our residents in the community, I advocate for the law-abiding ones first.... I don't spend a lot of time working out how to make it easier for people who are actually in contravention of a bylaw or a law," Carroll said.

In its report, the authority said inflation in Toronto has risen 10 per cent since parking rates last changed in 2007, so the proposed increases are in line with inflation.

The proposed increases are to be presented to next week's meeting of the government management committee and go on to city council for a final decision at the July 10 and 11 meeting. If approval is granted, it will take about a month to make the rate changes, said parking authority executive Ian Maher.

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"It's not that we're increasing significantly the rates but we have to catch up."

Coun. Ana Bailao

It's a heatwave

A man rests under trees at Corus Quay. Temperatures hit the low 30s in Toronto and the humidex was in the mid-40s on Wednesday.

STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Energy. Supply up, demand down

The heat was unrelenting in the summer of 2006. Overnight lows were more like daily highs. Ice cubes were more like water. Air conditioners hummed continuously. And electricity consumption set records.

The year before, it was even worse, to the point that energy officials pleaded with the public to reduce their energy use — 13 times, in fact.

Now, with nearly 700,000 more people in the province and higher average temperatures, electricity demand has actually decreased, which means the province isn't in danger of running out of it during this heat wave.

"In 2005 and 2006, we were relying on our neighbours to import power to help meet demands here," said Terry Young, vice-president of the Electricity System Operator which oversees Ontario's power system.

On Wednesday, as temperatures reached 34.2 C in Toronto with a balmy humidex of 41 C, Ontarians were projected to consume 24,227 megawatts. Now, Ontario can handle demands up to 27,572 megawatts, leaving the province with the ability to return the electricity favours to sweltering Americans.

Supply is up and demand is down, which is due to a confluence of factors.

"We've got more gas generation, more nuclear generation and more renewable generation," Young said of the supply side.

The heat wave will continue in Toronto Thursday with an expected high of 33 C and a chance of thunderstorms. The heat will break somewhat by Friday, when the expected high is only 25 C, lower than the lowest low on Aug. 1, 2006.

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Open Roof Festival like an 'urban drive-in'

The Open Roof Festival kicks off Thursday night at the Amsterdam brewery.

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A starry sky paired with indie films, bands, beer and quality food — it's a combination of elements that has brought Open Roof Festival (ORF) back for its third year.

Described as "a modern urban drive-in," the 10-week festival kicking off its third season Thursday night will feature local and international bands and films – many previously premiered at Sundance, Hot Docs, TIFF and other film festivals — while using Amsterdam Brewery's gravel parking lot as their backdrop.

It's unlike the traditional film festivals.

"You can see the stars, the Gardiner, condos going up," says ORF's co-director Jordan Nahmias.

Nahmias says they're constantly evolving. This year, they'll feature 10 bands, 10 films and a new focus on food.

With an estimated attendance of nearly 7,000 people this year, he says it's all about mixing everything together to find the perfect synergy.

"We're not trying to bring everything you could do in one night in Toronto into one parking lot, but we think we have a nice combination of elements that when brought together seem to create an interaction and sort of a reaction." PHOEBE HO/FOR METRO

Festival details

- Open Roof Festival will be kicking off their season Thursday night with the documentary Marley and a musical performance by Friendlyness & The Human Rights.
- The festival runs every Thursday night from June 21 to Aug. 23.
- For a complete listing of movies and bands visit openrooffestival.com or follow them on Twitter @OpenRoofFest.

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On the web

World's Biggest Bookstore to shut its doors

It's the final chapter for the World's Biggest Bookstore. The Toronto landmark is expected to close in 18 months after dominating its downtown block for almost 25 years. Go to metronews.ca for the full story.

Even the tortoises in Galapagos are splitting

The media went into a frenzy after receiving news that a pair of giant Galapagos tortoises, Bibi and Poldi, were breaking up after 115 years together. Go to metronews.ca to see the love affair in photos.

Mobile news

A new survey of young Canadians suggests respondents believe there are benefits to giving their credit cards an active workout, but they may be overlooking some of the consequences when it's time to pay up. Scan the code to read the story.

Tragic accident

Bail granted in pond drowning

A man facing the possibility of life in prison after a two-year-old boy drowned in his unfenced backyard pond was granted bail on Wednesday.

Sriranganathan Ampalam, 58, of Scarborough, has been charged with criminal negligence causing death. His home had been undergoing renovations and the gate into the property had been removed, Const. Victor Kwong said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Suspended from job

Bus driver accused of sexual assault

A school-bus driver faces sexual-assault charges after accusations from a 12-year-old Oakville student. Police said the victim reported being sexually assaulted in May and June during rides home from school. The 68-year-old driver has a clean driving record and passed background checks when he was hired, a spokesperson from First Student Canada said. He has been suspended from his job. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

'Enough's enough'

No boozing at Malvern prom

Students at Malvern Collegiate Institute arriving for their prom on Friday must take a breathalyzer test before gaining entry.

"It's necessary because they've had incidents in the past, and the parents and the teachers, and generally the community said: 'Enough's enough, we're not going to have our prom spoiled anymore,'" trustee Sheila Cary-Meagher said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Maria Galipo of the Sicilian Sidewalk Café is surrounded by supporters as she offers her condolences to the family of murder victim John Raposo at College and Grace streets. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Man wounded in shooting not a target, police say

Little Italy. Second victim was merely a patron at College Street café

A man injured in a murderous attack at the Sicilian Sidewalk Café in Little Italy was an innocent bystander caught by a stray bullet, police say.

The man was sitting close to murder victim John Raposo, 35, on the packed patio at 3:32 p.m. on Monday at the popular ice-cream shop at College Street and Montrose Avenue. He was shot in the stomach with at least one bullet.

"He was just a patron of the café," Const. Victor Kwong said Wednesday.

The bystander was admitted to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Police haven't released his name.

A police officer who specializes in GTA organized crime said Raposo escaped an attack five years ago that left one of his close friends dead.

Someone at the café likely tipped off the hitman that Raposo was there watching the Italy-Ireland soccer game, the officer said.

The gunman fired about five times, catching Raposo at least once in the head.

"It was a thought-out, planned hit," the officer said.

Nicknamed "Johnny Maserati" for his love of luxury cars, Raposo was scheduled to appear in court on an assault charge in two weeks. He was also slated to go on trial in December on charges of dangerous operation of a vehicle.

Flanked by family members and local shop owners, and reading from a prepared statement, Sicilian Sidewalk Café CEO Maria Galipo offered condolences to the victims' families. "We are deeply saddened that an event like this could have happened in such a safe and family-oriented community," she said.

Galipo added the ice-cream parlour will reopen in the next day or so. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Police investigation

- As John Raposo's family planned his funeral on Wednesday, police asked area residents to check their properties for any items that may have been discarded by the killer.
- If any items are located, police ask that they not be touched and that the finder call police immediately.

Drunk driving. Appeal court restores conviction

A drunk driver who got off on a technicality had his conviction and sentence restored by Ontario's highest court on Wednesday.

The Appeal Court of Ontario ruled that a lower-court judge was wrong to call into question breathalyzer evidence that showed Terrance O'Meara to have been clearly intoxicated behind the wheel. O'Meara was convicted in 2010 of "over 80" drunk driving in what the Crown called the "most usual of drinking and driving trials."

At trial, an OPP officer testified that police stopped the driver in November 2009 at a spot check near North Bay, Ont., and smelled alcohol. O'Meara failed a roadside breath test and was arrested and taken to the police station where he provided two breath samples 22 minutes apart that showed his blood-alcohol level to be more than twice the legal limit. The Ontario court judge convicted O'Meara, slapping him with the minimum $1,000 fine and a 12-month driving ban.

O'Meara appealed, arguing the Crown had introduced no evidence at trial that an approved instrument had analyzed the breath samples as the Criminal Code requires.

The appeal-court judge agreed with the defence that there was no evidence to prove the samples were in fact properly analyzed, and overturned the guilty finding, prompting the Crown to appeal.

In its appeal, the Crown argued the readings of the breathalyzer instrument were themselves sufficient evidence of proper analysis of the breath samples, and separate testimony to that effect wasn't needed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Some of the students at the hug-in Wednesday at Brampton's Earnscliffe Senior Public School were, from left, Janna El-Daly, 12, Lily Hopkinson, 12, Alissa Skorik, 14, Diana Hoyt, 13, and Meghan Howard, 12.

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Students' hug-in against 'no loving' rule draws 40

Up in arms. Protesters felt Brampton school's rule designed to protect students against roughhousing or unwanted touching went too far

The student protesters hugged in the street, despite the heat. And they danced to the guitar strummings and kazoo stylings of a musician named Glenn McFarlane who had heard about the protest and came to sing in solidarity a song he wrote, "I Want a Hug," even though he doesn't personally know anyone involved in the student protest.

Janna and twin sister Hana El-Daly, 12, and friends Diana Hoyt, 13, and Lily Hopkinson, 12, had a turnout of more than 40 friends, family and sibling supporters for the noon-time hug-in protest they organized Wednesday outside Earnscliffe Senior Public School.

The girls have been up in arms about the school's "no loving, no shoving" motto, which is attached to a rule meant to protect students against roughhousing and unwanted touching. They want the motto and rule altered so that innocent hugs of friendship are allowed.

Janna and Hana had been reprimanded for hugging upset friends in the school's hallways, and the four friends decided to hold the protest, creating a Facebook page to advertise the details.

"Hugs are an innocent gesture. They can mean, I'm glad for you or I'm sad for you," Hoyt said.

The four Earnscliffe friends said more students probably would have turned out for the protest (they had to be signed out by their parents) if the school hadn't coincidentally had a field trip at the same time. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Quoted

"Sometimes you just need a hug."

Diana Hoyt, 13

End to election drama as provincial budget passes

A summer election in Ontario was averted Wednesday with the passage of the minority Liberal government's budget.

Despite forcing the Liberals to make several changes, such as delaying corporate tax cuts and adding a tax on incomes over $500,000, the New Democrats did not vote for the budget.

The NDP abstained on the final vote, leaving the Liberals to outvote the Progressive Conservatives 52-to-35 to pass their budget, avoiding the automatic defeat of the minority government.

As the dust settled on the showdown that pushed the province to the brink of an election, both Premier Dalton McGuinty and NDP Leader Andrea Horwath declared victory over their opponents.

"Look, I'm prepared to add water to my wine, but if you get to the point where you have more water than wine, that's a real concern," the premier said.

"I think we made it clear that you can only go so far before you begin to undermine the very essence of the budget itself."

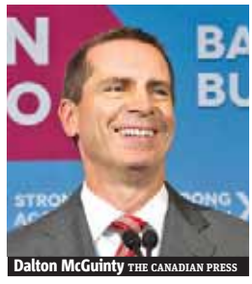
McGuinty joked that until now, he had never really appreciated how lucky he was to have presided over majority governments in the past.

But the acrimonious debate over the budget was far from funny earlier this week, with McGuinty threatening an election and his ministers accusing Horwath of being disingenuous and a backstabber.

While pleased with the changes they forced in the budget, the NDP were just as mad at the Liberals for all the name-calling.

For a government that wants to root out bullying in schools, the Liberals have shown their true colours over the past week, they said.

"Bullying doesn't work. It didn't impress me this week and it won't intimidate me in the fall," Horwath said. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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New for fall. Africentric program coming to Scarborough high school

The Toronto District School Board will launch an Africentric high school program this September in Scarborough's Winston Churchill Collegiate, starting with a Grade 9 program in which all five compulsory subjects — math, geography, French, English and science — will have a focus on African heritage.

Despite the late start — the board only began to notify Grade 8 students in early June — it hopes to enroll 60 students by September to the program, to be named after the late Leonard Braithwaite, the first black Canadian to be elected to Queen's Park.

Unlike Oakwood Collegiate on St. Clair Avenue West, which opposed hosting an Africentric program last year because some saw it as segregation, Winston Churchill, on Lawrence Avenue East near Kennedy Road, has been open to the concept, noted trustee David Smith.

"There's always been mixed views about Africentric schools, but when I explain the need that brought us to this crossroads — that there are a number of students who just aren't meeting expectations — they understand," said Smith.

"I believe we will have enough students to start in the fall."

The plan is to add a grade each year and be open to students from across the city, including the first wave of graduates from the board's Africentric alternative elementary school, near Sheppard Avenue and Keele Street, when they are ready for high school in September 2013. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

2014 municipal election

Chow resists calls to run against Ford

Political advisers to NDP MP Olivia Chow are urging her to run against Mayor Rob Ford in 2014 but, so far at least, she is ruling out a return to municipal politics.

Joe Cressy, a close family friend and Chow's campaign co-chair in the 2011 federal election, is among those asking Chow to consider it. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Fundraising shows

Laughs for a cause

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Terror in Toulouse — again

Hostages saved. French police storm bank in city where seven people were killed by terrorist gunman in March

A hostage-taking Wednesday left the French city of Toulouse traumatized for the second time in three months.

Police stormed a bank and captured a gunman who took four of its employees hostage.

Tensions have been high in Toulouse since March, when a gunman who claimed links to the al-Qaida terror network killed three Jewish schoolchildren, a rabbi and three paratroopers.

That was France's worst terrorist attack in years, and led to a crackdown on suspected Islamist radicals around France.

This time, officials waved off reports the latest suspect had ties to al-Qaida, saying he had psychiatric problems.

Prosecutor Michel Valet said the gun, used twice during the six-hour ordeal, fired only rubber bullets, and the gunman had no police record.

The hostages were released unharmed, while the suspect was hospitalized with two bullet wounds in the left hand and left thigh.

Among those moved to safety in the area were four and five-year-old children from a private language school next to the bank.

The Prefect of the Haute-Garonne region, Henri-Michel Comet, said 150 police were mobilized, 30 of them from the elite GIPN squad.

Valet said during negotiations that the gunman wanted to advertise the religious motivation behind his act.

"The hostage-taker wants us to make it known that he is acting not for money, and that his motivations come from his religious conviction," Valet said.

He did not say what faith the gunman adheres to.

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City in fear

"I'm worried about the climate that reigns in this city."

Fearful Doriane Clermont, 23, who lives with her three-year-old son across the street from the bank.

Police secure the area after a gunman took four people hostage in a Toulouse bank Wednesday. BRUNO MARTIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Court all set to debate the state of Breivik's brain

Sane or insane? Anders Behring Breivik, left, is watched by two psychiatrists during his mass-murder trial. HEIKO JUNGE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Do prosecutors think confessed mass killer Anders Behring Breivik is insane or not?

They're not saying — for now.

But "the decision has been made," prosecutor Svein Holden told reporters in Norway on Wednesday.

Closing arguments begin Thursday in a trial that has captivated Norway since the middle of April.

Ultimately, judges will decide Breivik's mental state when they hand down a verdict in July or August.

Breivik, a self-described anti-Muslim militant, has admitted he carried out the bombing and shooting rampage that left 77 people dead in July, so guilt is not an issue.

The main issue is whether to send the 33-year-old Norwegian to a prison or a mental institution.

Weeks of fractious testimony from mental-health experts suggest it's a complicated decision — and Breivik's behaviour in court has not made it any easier.

At the end of Wednesday's Oslo hearing, Breivik complained not enough attention was given to his suffering at seeing Norway become a multicultural society.

"This case is about Norway's future, and Europe's future, and these were themes they should have addressed," he said.

He added it was "a traumatic experience ... to be stigmatized as a narrow-minded Islamophobe and a right-wing extremist."

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Pivotal week

Prosecutors will present their views on Breivik's mental state on Thursday. The defence will get its chance Friday.

- **Panel.** The five judges have at least a month to deliberate before delivering a verdict.
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Pentagon. Anti-Islamic rhetoric blamed on bad judgment, poor oversight

Poor judgment and poor oversight led to the teaching of anti-Islamic material at a U.S. military school for officers, the Pentagon said Wednesday.

Some of the material suggested the U.S. ultimately might have to obliterate the Islamic holy cities of Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia without regard for civilian deaths.

Materials in a course for military officers at Joint Forces Staff College in Virginia portrayed the U.S. as at war with Islam. U.S. officials repeatedly say the war is against terrorists.

An Army lieutenant colonel who taught the class has been relieved of his teaching duties, but investigators recommended reviewing the actions of two civilian officials at the school to see if they also should face discipline, the Defence Department said in a statement. A second military officer will receive counselling.

The teacher, Lt. Col. Matthew Dooley, had suggested that the Geneva Convention, which guides behaviour toward prisoners, was "no longer relevant" and that Muslims "hate everything you stand for."

The Pentagon suspended the course in late April when a student objected. The FBI also changed some agent training last year after discovering that its curriculum, too, was critical of Islam.

The new findings come from a report sought by chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, Gen. Martin Dempsey.

He had ordered all service branches to review their training to ensure that other courses don't use anti-Islamic material.

The report itself has not been released, but the conclusions were described by Dempsey's spokesman, Marine Col. Dave Lapan, in a written statement to the media and in a conversation with reporters.

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Pollution rife in Rio+20 host city

Eco issues. Attendees of the UN conference will witness a city struggling with sustainability

A child ties his raft to a tree by the polluted Jacarepagua lake, near the conference centre where the Rio+20 conference is taking place in Rio de Janeiro. VICTOR R. CAIVANO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The throngs streaming into Rio for a sustainable development conference may be dreaming of white-sand beaches and clear, blue waters, but what they are first likely to notice as they leave the airport is not the salty tang of ocean in the breeze, but the stench of raw sewage.

That's because the airport sits by a bay that absorbs about 1.2 billion litres of raw wastewater a day: 480 Olympic swimming pools worth of filth.

The United Nations Environment Program warned this month that the planet's environmental systems "are being pushed towards their biophysical limits," and for the 50,000 visitors from 190 countries streaming in for the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, the welcome here is a rank reminder of just how hard it will be to balance economic growth and environmental protection elsewhere across the globe.

"Rio, the host city, has a range of urban problems: air and water pollution, social exclusion, water supply," said Carlos Bocuhy, who heads the Brazilian Institute of Environmental Protection. "We are facing the possibility of collapse if we don't change course."

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This is progress?

Earth stats, then and now

Since world leaders last gathered in Rio de Janeiro to talk about the state of the Earth in 1992, much has changed:

Temperatures: The average annual global temperature has increased 0.32 degrees Celsius since 1992 based on 10-year running averages, according to the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Pollution: Global levels of the chief heat-trapping gas, carbon dioxide, climbed 10 per cent from nearly 358 parts per million in April 1992 to 394 ppm this past April, NOAA said.

Disasters: Since 1992, natural disasters have affected 4.4 billion people worldwide, killed 1.3 million people, and cost $2 trillion in damages, according to the United Nations.

Forests: Since 1990, the world's primary forest areas have decreased about 300 million hectares, according to the UN.

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Problems still exist, Japan's nuclear utility admits

A demonstrator holds a sign during an anti-nuclear rally in Tokyo on Saturday. ITSUO INOUYE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The operator of the Japanese nuclear plant devastated by last year's tsunami issued a final report on the disaster Wednesday, outlining organizational and communication problems that have not yet been resolved.

The report by Tokyo Electric Power Co. comes as Japan prepares to restart its first nuclear reactors since the March 11, 2011, disaster led to a prolonged shutdown of all of the country's atomic generating plants. While many Japanese remain deeply concerned about the safety of nuclear power, the restart raises operators' hopes that more reactors can resume operations.

The massive tsunami severely damaged four reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant north of Tokyo, knocking out cooling systems and triggering meltdowns and radiation leaks. Tens of thousands of people fled their homes in the worst atomic disaster since Chornobyl.

Officials say the plant has since stabilized, but it runs on makeshift equipment, causing concerns about its ability to withstand any major earthquakes.

TEPCO Vice-President Masao Yamazaki, who headed its probe of the disaster, acknowledged that the company had repeatedly underestimated the risk of a tsunami, despite predictions in recent years that such earthquake-generated waves could jump over seawalls protecting reactors.

Officials clung to optimistic views instead of taking the side of safety, he said.

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WikiLeaks. Assange takes refuge in Ecuador mission

Julian Assange has spent years on the move, trying to keep ahead of authorities who want to stop his secret-spilling mission.

Now the WikiLeaks founder finds himself confined in the surprising setting of Ecuador's London embassy, where he was holed up Wednesday while diplomats discussed his fate and British police waited outside to arrest him if he leaves.

Assange is seeking political asylum in the South American nation, in a dramatic bid to avoid extradition to Sweden for questioning about alleged sex crimes. His supporters say he fears charges in the United States for leaking hundreds of thousands of secret U.S. documents. But some legal experts say it is a desperate and likely futile move.

"He knows he's reached the end of the road in the U.K. He knows he's going to be extradited to Sweden," said Alex Carlile, a senior British lawyer with expertise in extradition matters. "Basically, he has nowhere to go."

The 40-year-old Australian landed himself in legal limbo Tuesday when he took refuge in the embassy a few doors down from the Harrods department store.

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Police stand outside the Ecuadorian embassy in London on Wednesday. TIM HALES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russia

Espionage ruling

A Russian court on Wednesday convicted two professors of a St. Petersburg university of handing over missile secrets to China, the latest in a string of espionage cases that reflected underlying tensions between Moscow and Beijing despite declarations of cooperation and friendship.

The St. Petersburg City Court found Yevgeny Afanasyev and Svyatoslav Bobyshev guilty of treason and sentenced them to 12½ and 12 years in prison respectively, according to the Interfax news agency.

The two professors of St. Petersburg's Baltic State Technological University were accused of selling confidential information related to Russia's latest ballistic missile.

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Feminist punk rockers get month more in jail

Russia. Thousands sign petition urging Orthodox Church to forgive three-member band for 'punk prayer' against Putin

Nadezhda Tolokonnikova, member of Pussy Riot, waves to supporters in court. MISHA JAPARIDZE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A group of feminist punk rockers must remain behind bars as police investigate them for chanting a "punk prayer" against Russian President Vladimir Putin from a church pulpit, a court ruled Wednesday.

The decision angered the band's supporters and drew condemnation from a top German human rights official.

Five members of Pussy Riot — wearing brightly coloured homemade ski masks and miniskirts — briefly seized the pulpit of Moscow's main Orthodox church, the Christ the Savior Cathedral, in February and chanted "Mother Mary, drive Putin away."

A video of the performance posted on the Internet shows churchgoers gazing on astonished as the women chant, high-kick and dance around the pulpit, and then appear to bow and bless themselves as security arrives to remove them.

Three band members — Nadezhda Tolokonnikova, 23, Maria Alekhina, 24, and Yekaterina Samutsevich, 29 — were arrested and face up to seven years in jail on hooliganism charges.

An investigator petitioned to keep them in prison while the police probe continues, and on Wednesday, a Tagansky district court judge ruled the three will remain held until July 24.

Their cause and the Russian Orthodox Church's harsh response have provoked public outcry.

Pussy Riot gained notoriety in January for performing a song taunting Putin — who was then prime minister — from a spot on Red Square used in czarist Russia for announcing government decrees. Videos of their performances became instant Internet hits.

The band's "punk prayer" took place two weeks before March's presidential vote. Putin won a third presidential term despite a wave of massive protests against his rule.

The church says the women deserve to be prosecuted for their "blasphemous" performance from a place near the altar that no lay persons are allowed to enter.

Attorneys for the band members argued that they should be released because they have young children.

The German government's human rights commissioner, Markus Loening, said he was "dismayed" by the decision to extend the band members' custody. "This decision is clearly directed against freedom of opinion and artistic freedom and … absolutely disproportionate," Loening said.

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Supporters detained

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Outside the court building, police detained 20 people as dozens of the band's supporters whistled in unison, chanted anti-Kremlin slogans and clashed with Orthodox activists who called on the band members "to repent."

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Government plans to sell marijuana

Uruguay. Reports say a bill to legalize pot sales to registered users will be presented to Congress

Uruguay's government apparently plans to take a step beyond legalizing marijuana: It wants to sell it.

Local news media cited unnamed ruling-party lawmakers saying that the government planned to send a bill to Congress on Wednesday that would legalize marijuana sales as a crime-fighting measure. Only the government would be allowed to sell the marijuana cigarettes, and only to adults registered as users.

Uruguay's presidency did not immediately confirm the report, but told The Associated Press in an email statement that an official announcement later could include "the marijuana issue."

Quoted

"This measure should be accompanied by efforts to get young people off drugs."

Ruling party Sen. Monica Xavier

Uruguayan newspaper reports about the bill said that people who use more than a limited number of marijuana cigarettes would have to undergo drug rehabilitation and that money from taxes on the cigarettes would go to rehabilitating addicts. The idea is to weaken crime by removing profits from drug dealers and diverting users from harder drugs.

Possession of the drug for personal use has never been criminalized in Uruguay, and a 1974 law gives judges discretion to determine if the amount of marijuana found on a suspect is for legal personal use or for illegal dealing.

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Steamy air mass calls for a fire hydrant shower

Four-year-old Solaris Arias, of Providence, R.I., right, jumps through water spraying from an open fire hydrant on Wednesday. Much of the state remained under a heat advisory Wednesday afternoon because of the steamy air mass that has moved into the region resulting in temperatures in the high 30s. STEVEN SENNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Bolivian official says Brazilian drones aid in locating illegal cocaine labs

Bolivia's top anti-drug official is crediting Brazilian reconnaissance drones for a series of recent blows against the cocaine trade.

Felipe Caceres does not provide details about the unmanned aerial vehicles other than to say they are Israeli-made, patrol the border and also enter Bolivian airspace.

Bolivian police say they destroyed more than 240 drug labs early this month in the eastern lowlands state of Santa Cruz, which borders Brazil.

Brazil became an important drug-fighting ally for Bolivia after the latter kicked out U.S. drug agents in 2008.

Bolivia is the world's No. 3 cocaine-producing nation and officials estimate that 92 per cent of domestic cocaine production heads to Brazil.

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Immigration law

New legislation curbs deportation appeals

New legislation introduced Wednesday by the Conservative government gives greater powers to the immigration and public safety ministers to determine who gets to come and stay in Canada. The Faster Removal of Foreign Criminals Act seeks to cut off avenues for convicted criminals to appeal their deportation.

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Report leaked

PM's security detail thrust into spotlight

RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson decried Wednesday the leak of an internal report that raised concerns about the prime minister's security detail, calling it "unlawful."

And Paulson also conceded it might boil down to a case of payback against the officer in charge of the unit.

The leak of the management report to Radio-Canada this week thrust a normally low-profile unit into the spotlight. Members of the prime minister's office past and present sprung to the defence of Supt. Bruno Saccomani, saying he had actually brought improvements to the unit.

The management review included interviews with 41 per cent of the 116-member unit, and said a majority of members reported problems with their boss, including intimidation and favouritism. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Thailand deaths

Bodies of Canadian sisters released

The bodies of two Canadian sisters who died in Thailand are expected to arrive home Thursday, a relative said.

Their uncle said that because preliminary autopsies have already been completed, Thai medical authorities have agreed to release the bodies of Audrey and Noemi Belanger, who died under mysterious circumstances.

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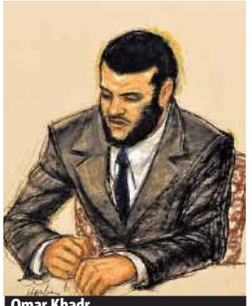
Khadr's legal team to urge transfer

Press conference. Unlike Khadr's previous lawyers, current group has kept a low profile



Omar Khadr
THE CANADIAN PRESS

The federal government was sticking to its lines about the delayed transfer of convicted war criminal Omar Khadr from Guantanamo Bay on the eve of a Thursday news conference by his normally taciturn legal team.

Two months after an official request by the Americans to take Khadr off their hands, Public Safety Minister Vic Toews said there was nothing new to say about the case.

"I've made no decision in that. I'll make a decision in due course, in accordance with the law."

That's been Ottawa's line ever since it became clear that the Americans were seeking to have the Toronto-born Khadr transferred to Canada to serve out the rest of his sentence.

Khadr, 25, pleaded guilty in October 2010 to war crimes committed in Afghanistan in 2002 as a 15-year-old — including murder, in violation of the rules of war.

In return for his plea before a widely maligned military commission, he was sentenced to eight years, with one year to be served in Guantanamo Bay. He was eligible for transfer last October.

Earlier this year, sources said the transfer — in accordance with promises Ottawa made at the time of Khadr's plea bargain — was on track to happen by the end of May. That hasn't happened.

On Wednesday, Khadr's legal team — Canadian lawyers John Norris and Brydie Bethell, and his Pentagon-appointed lawyers Lt.-Col. Jon Jackson and Maj. Matthew Schwartz — announced they would hold a news conference in Ottawa to update the public on the delayed transfer.

They are to be joined by Sen. Romeo Dallaire, a longtime advocate for child soldiers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RCMP Act. Top Mountie needs more disciplinary powers, says minister

The federal government wants to arm the RCMP commissioner with greater powers to discipline or even fire people who give the force a bad name.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews says there is too much red tape in the current process for weeding out wrongdoers.

"There's no doubt that changes are needed," he told a news conference, flanked by RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson.

"The RCMP Act has not been significantly amended for over 25 years."

Toews announced proposed changes Wednesday, intended to untie Paulson's hands as he looks into complaints.

Several female RCMP officers have come forward since Cpl. Catherine Galliford went public in November with allegations of harassment within the force in British Columbia.

Men have also complained of abusive behaviour and intimidation.

Paulson, who took over as commissioner late last year, says ridding the force of dark-hearted behaviour is one of his priorities.

He recently expressed frustration about the bureaucratic barriers to doing so.

The legislation introduced Wednesday — as the House of Commons prepared to rise for the summer — also includes measures to modernize the watchdog that handles public complaints about the RCMP and enhance transparency when Mounties themselves are under police investigation.

Toews said the RCMP's current disciplinary procedures are outdated and inefficient.

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Wildfire

Greek firefighter dies battling blaze in an air force base

A Greek firefighter died Wednesday while helping to battle a large wildfire inside an air force base west of Athens, authorities say.

A fire department statement said the 28-year-old felt unwell and was rushed to a nearby hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Greek air force spokesman Constantinos Grapsas said the blaze is not endangering installations at the Elefsina base — primarily used by firefighting and transport planes.

Grapsas said 40 fire engines, seven water-dropping aircraft, one helicopter and 160 firefighters are battling the blaze.

Meanwhile, two firefighters were hospitalized after being injured while battling a separate fire in Salamis, an island off the southern port of Piraeus.

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Suicide bombing

Three U.S. troops and 15 Afghans killed

Pentagon officials say as many as three U.S. troops and 15 Afghans may have been killed in a suicide bombing in eastern Afghanistan.

Officials spoke on condition of anonymity Wednesday because details of the incident were sketchy and the officials weren't authorized to talk about it publicly.

Early reports from Afghans said a car packed with explosives rammed into vehicles in an international military convoy.

But U.S. Defence Department officials say it's not clear whether it was a convoy.

A suicide vest is suspected to have been used.

While the Americans believed killed were all military, U.S. officials say the Afghans were security and civilian. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New Greek PM to uphold euro bailout commitments

Greece's newly sworn-in Prime Minister Antonis Samaras, centre, waves to supporters in Athens on Wednesday. KOSTAS TSIRONIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New government for Greece. Conservative party chief sworn in as prime minister leading a three-party coalition

Greek conservative party head Antonis Samaras was sworn in as prime minister Wednesday at the helm of a three-party coalition that will uphold the country's international bailout commitments.

The move ends a protracted political crisis that had cast grave doubt over the country's future in Europe's joint currency and threatened to plunge the continent deeper into a financial crisis with global repercussions.

But the new government still has massive challenges ahead: It must deliver on pledges by its predecessors to generate huge new savings, privatize publicly owned companies and real estate, cut about 150,000 civil service jobs in coming years and open restricted professions to competition.

Samaras, a U.S.-educated 61-year-old economist, was sworn in three days after his New Democracy party won the second national elections in six weeks but without enough votes to form a government on its own. He is Greece's fourth prime minister in eight months.

The conservatives will join forces with the socialist PASOK party, which came in third place, and the smaller Democratic Left led by Fotis Kouvelis. Discussions on the lineup of ministers were to be completed by Wednesday.

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Fraud allegations. Delay in announcing winner of Egyptian election

Egyptian election officials delayed the announcement of the winner of Egypt's presidential election, which had been expected Thursday, and gave no date for a decision, hiking tension as allegations of fraud swirled and each candidate declared he was the victor.

Amid the atmosphere of political confusion, the Muslim Brotherhood claimed there was an organized campaign of allegations against it to mar the election and keep its candidate, Mohammed Morsi, out of the presidency. The accusation raises temperatures and the possibility of a backlash from the Brotherhood if its rival — former prime minister Ahmed Shafiq — is declared the winner.

On top of the potentially explosive dispute over the election is murkiness over the latest health scare of the 84-year-old former dictator Hosni Mubarak. State media reported that he suffered a stroke. Mubarak was ousted last year and is now in jail.

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Dinosaurs with a difference invade the ROM

Unique show. Ancient creatures from the southern hemisphere include one that weighed as much as 10 elephants

Meet Giganotosaurus: This prehistoric dinosaur will be on display at the ROM starting Saturday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Some of the largest and most unusual dinosaurs from the southern hemisphere will be making their Canadian debut at Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum this summer.

The museum will open its new exhibit, Ultimate Dinosaurs: Giants from Gondwana, to the public on Saturday.

It features fossils, skeletons and 17 full-scale skeletal casts of dinosaurs that evolved in isolation in Gondwana, a continent formed when the supercontinent of Pangea split in half.

These dinosaurs look different from the Northern Hemisphere dinosaurs that Canadian and American audiences are used to seeing.

The exhibit uses Augmented Reality technology that allows visitors to scan the creatures through a tablet screen to see them become animated and covered in skin.

The exhibit includes Futalognkosaurus, the largest dinosaur ever mounted in Canada. It's 33.5 metres long and weighed as much as 10 elephants when it roamed the earth. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Do Not Kill registry mocks U.S. drone-strikes list

In the crosshairs. Website creator raises questions about U.S. foreign policy and human-rights abuses

How do you ensure your name doesn't mistakenly land on U.S. President Barack Obama's list of people to be captured or killed by a drone strike? Add yourself to the Do Not Kill registry, of course.

As controversy over Obama's recently exposed official "kill list" and expanding drone program spreads, a satirical website has launched a registry to "help(s) give people around the world the peace of mind urgently needed during these times of escalating drone conflict."

The "National Agency for Ethical Drone-Human Interactions," identified on the website as the group behind the initiative, launched the Do Not Kill registry as a way to "avoid accidental casualties in our mission to make the world a safe place for Democracy and Free Enterprise."

The registry does not guarantee your safety, however, only that an "additional review process will be undertaken before you are labeled an enemy militant and added to the national kill list," according to the site.

Yes, it's a spoof.

But Ian Alan Paul, the 27-year-old University of California PhD student behind the website, said he hoped the site would highlight the controversial use of military drones in warfare — what he called an "egregious violation of human dignity and rights."

A New York Times exposé published in late May revealed that Obama personally presides over "kill lists," evaluating targets and approving strikes, in his country's drone war on terrorist groups. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

An unmanned U.S. Predator drone flies over Kandahar Air Field, southern Afghanistan. KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Op. Fast and Furious

Invoking executive privilege, Obama prevents disclosure

President Barack Obama for the first time Wednesday invoked executive privilege to withhold documents from a congressional investigation into a botched U.S. gun-smuggling probe that Republicans have used to attack his administration as the November election approaches.

The decision came as a House of Representatives committee was poised to vote on whether to hold Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt of Congress for failing to turn over more Justice Department files.

The committee wants documents that explain how the department learned of problems with the Operation Fast and Furious probe along the Mexican border. But Obama decided to withhold them. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cape Canaveral

Top-secret satellite launched in Florida

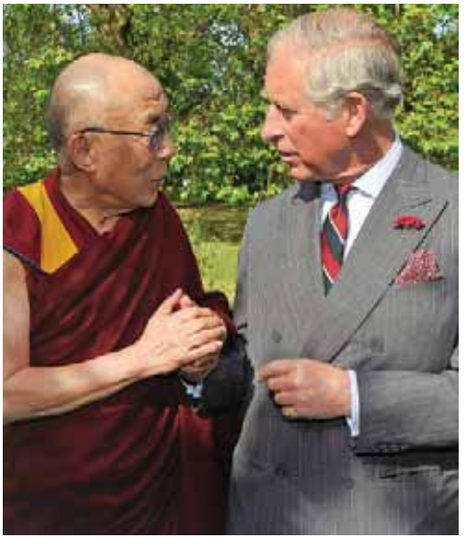
The Air Force has launched a rocket from Cape Canaveral, Fla., carrying a top-secret satellite for the United States.

The unmanned Atlas V rocket lifted off Wednesday morning. On board was a satellite belonging to the National Reconnaissance Office.

The NROL-38 satellite is the first of three critical missions scheduled to launch within the next two months.

A launch attempt Monday failed and was delayed two days following replacement of an environmental-control-system duct that failed near its connection to a mobile-launch platform.

For security reasons, officials refused to provide any further details of the satellite, its mission or whether it reached orbit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



When East meets West

Prince Charles receives His Holiness the Dalai Lama at Clarence House on Wednesday in London. The exiled Buddhist Tibetan leader is taking part in a weeklong tour of the United Kingdom.

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Luka Rocco Magnotta is taken by police from a Canadian military plane to a waiting van on Monday in Mirabel, Que.
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Luka Magnotta is well known, but who is Eric Newman?

Less chronicled. After his not guilty plea Tuesday, Magnotta is in the spotlight he apparently desired

The world knows Luka Rocco Magnotta all too well.

His exploits, whether real or imagined, whether alleged by police or conjured up in his own mind, have been detailed by media outlets around the globe.

It appears the 29-year-old man accused of killing, dismembering and partially cannibalizing a Montreal university student wanted it that way.

Magnotta appeared to live much of his life online, using the Internet to cultivate a dark and twisted, yet sexual image.

Dozens of profiles

- Born Eric Clinton Newman on July 24, 1982, Magnotta shed his original identity with a name change in 2006.
- He has also gone by the aliases Vladimir Romanov and Jimmy, set up dozens of online usernames and maintained 70 Facebook pages and 20 websites, police said.
- A 1,200-word post by a Vladimir Romanov on a Psych Central 'I hate my mother' forum rants and rails against the poster's mom.

It's an image that's likely here to stay now that he has been whisked back to Canada on charges including first-degree murder, defiling a corpse, and harassing Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

His pre-Magnotta life is far less chronicled online, but, perhaps unsurprisingly, he did seem to leave some clues.

Before he was accused of killing 33-year-old Jun Lin, suspected of posting video of the aftermath online and mailing body parts to political parties and schools, before a rumour surfaced that he dated Karla Homolka — a rumour many believe he started — and before a video was posted on YouTube showing a man suspected to be Magnotta killing kittens, he was just Eric Newman.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

U.S. woman convicted of directing husband's death

A U.S. woman was found guilty Wednesday of orchestrating the killings of her millionaire husband and his mother in a grab for the family estate.

A federal jury convicted Ecuador-born Narcy Novack on counts alleging she caused the 2009 beatings of Ben Novack Jr. in a New York City hotel room and Bernice Novack at her Florida home.

Ben Novack Jr.'s father built the storied Fontainebleau hotel in Miami Beach, a celebrity hangout in the 1950s and '60s that appeared in the movies Scarface and Goldfinger.

Novack and her brother, Ecuador-born Cristobal Veliz,

Narcy Novack THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

both were convicted of charges including racketeering, domestic violence, stalking, money laundering and witness tampering.

Both were acquitted of the charge of murder in aid of racketeering, which would have carried a mandatory life sentence. They still face sentences of up to life in prison. Sentencing is set for Nov. 1.

Prosecutors said Novack and Veliz were motivated by "jealousy, retribution and greed" when they hired the Miami thugs who carried out the killings. They said Novack feared that her husband, who was having an affair, would divorce her and that a prenuptial agreement would bar her from the multimillion-dollar family estate.

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Sticking up for environment a deadly practice

Report. Killings of environmentalists appear to be rising as conflict over shrinking resources intensifies

The eulogies called Chut Wutty one of the few remaining activists in Cambodia brave enough to fight massive illegal deforestation by the powerful. The environmental watchdog was shot by a military policeman in April as he probed logging operations in one of the country's last great forests.

Nisio Gomes was the chief of a Brazilian tribe struggling to protect its land from ranchers. Masked men gunned him down in November; His body, quickly dragged into a pickup, has not been seen since.

Around the world, sticking up for the environment can be deadly, and it appears to be getting deadlier.

People who track killings of activists say the numbers have risen dramatically in the last three years.

Improved reporting may be one reason, they caution, but they also believe the rising death toll is a consequence of intensifying battles over dwindling supplies of natural resources, particularly in Latin America and Asia.

A report released Tuesday by the London-based Global Witness said more than 700 people — more than one a week — died in the decade ending 2011 "defending their human rights or the rights of others related to the environment, specifically land and forests."

They were killed, the environmental investigation group says, during protests or investigations into mining, logging, intensive agriculture, hydropower dams, urban development and wildlife poaching.

The death toll reached 96 in 2010 and 106 last year, said the report, which was released as world leaders gathered in Rio de Janeiro for a conference on sustainable development.

The report's annual totals for the six prior years range from 37 in 2004 to 64 in 2008.

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By the numbers

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Killings have occurred in at least 34 countries, from Brazil to Egypt, and in both developing and developed nations, according to an Associated Press review of data and interviews.

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A long-awaited honour

Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, centre, looks up as she arrives in a procession at an award ceremony at Oxford University in England on Wednesday. The leader of Myanmar's opposition is being honored at the university's Encaenia ceremony, where it presents honorary degrees to distinguished people. Suu Kyi, who is making her first visits outside of her native country in 24 years, was awarded the honorary doctorate in civil law in 1993, but was unable to collect it because she was under house arrest in Myanmar. LEFTERIS PITARAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1996 killing. Former butcher executed for murder in Mississippi

Mississippi has executed a former grocery store butcher for dismembering a man and raping a woman he locked in a metal box.

Authorities say 49-year-old Gary Carl Simmons Jr. was pronounced dead at 6:16 p.m. Wednesday. He was convicted of the Aug. 12, 1996 killing of Jeffery Wolfe, who was shot, dismembered and his body parts scattered in a bayou.

Simmons also was convicted of kidnapping and raping Wolfe's female friend and sentenced to two life terms on those charges. He was the sixth Mississippi inmate executed this year.

Simmons' former brother-in-law, Timothy Milano, also was convicted of killing Wolfe, who drove to Mississippi from Houston with the woman to collect a drug debt. Milano received a life sentence.

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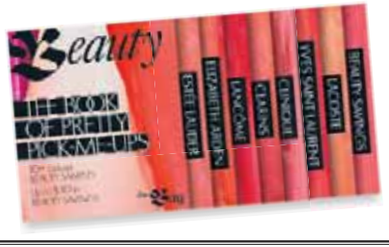

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RIM shares down as job cuts start

Research in Motion. Analyst estimates BlackBerry maker could cut 3,000 employees — after 2,000 cuts last year

BlackBerry-maker Research in Motion Ltd. has begun the grim task of cutting jobs in a bid to save $1 billion as part of a plan to right the company as it races to bring its new models to market later this year.

The company said Wednesday that it's looking for at least $1 billion in savings by the end of its 2013 financial year and job cuts are part of that plan.

RIM — which did not provide specific numbers regarding the cuts — is expected to provide a business update when it reports its first-quarter results on June 28.

RIM has been working to turn around operations after watching its market share eroded by the popularity of Apple's iPhone and smartphones running Google's Android operating system. RIM shares closed down 47 cents at $10.49 on the Toronto Stock Exchange Wednesday.

"I think RIM is finally making the hard decisions," said Wedbush Securities analyst Scott Sutherland.

"It is a tough time for them, but they need to ensure profitability, speed to market, and get these new devices out."

Sutherland said much is riding on a new line of BlackBerry phones powered by the BlackBerry 10 operating system, expected later this year.

Advance estimates on how many jobs would be lost ranged wildly from 2,000, or about 12 per cent of the workforce, to 5,000, or about 30 per cent.

Last July, RIM laid off about 11 per cent of its workforce, marking the biggest employee reduction in its history.

Since then, the company has made significant changes in its executive ranks, including the exit of co-CEO Jim Balsillie and the reduction of the role played by co-founder Mike Lazaridis.

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Offices

In addition to its main base in Waterloo, Ont., RIM also has a customer-service centre in Halifax that services users in Canada, the U.S. and South America. Other smaller offices are based in Mississauga and Ottawa, where they have been combined with staff of QNX Software Systems.

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Burger King goes public, again

Burger King Corp. CEO Bernardo Hees, right, talks with specialist Donald Himpele on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday after the world's No. 2 hamburger chain began trading as a public company again under the ticker symbol "BKW." The Miami-based chain had last traded as a public company between 2006 and 2010, before it was purchased and taken private by investment firm 3G Capital. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Economy. Momentum to slow, forecasts project

New private-sector forecasts see Canada's economy struggling to maintain momentum in the next two years, held back by weak job growth and vulnerable to both external and internal shocks.

Under this scenario, the CIBC says Canadians will likely be able to take advantage of historically low interest rates into 2014. But the Bank of Canada need not be overly worried about households continuing to pile on debt as a result of generous loan conditions, it added to its latest economic report released Wednesday, which noted that credit growth continues to slow even with today's low interest rates.

The two forecasts — from CIBC and Capital Economics — both project the Canadian economy will register the lowest annual growth rates since the recession in the next two years. CIBC says growth will average 2.1 per cent in both 2012 and 2013, whereas Capital Economics expects an even slower pace, at two per cent in 2012 and 1.5 per cent in 2013.

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U.S. Federal Reserve

Fed extends 'Twist' program with $267B

The U.S. Federal Reserve acted Wednesday to lift an economy held back by a weakened job market, extending a program designed to spur borrowing and spending through lower long-term U.S. interest rates. It said it will extend the program through December using $267 billion US in securities.

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Market Minute

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FROM: Conservative party headquarters
TO: All MPs
SUBJECT: Email etiquette

Dear MPs,

As you've probably heard, we had an email faux pas this week when the immigration minister hit "reply all" on an email, making this the most open and transparent this government has ever been.

Jason Kenney meant to call Alberta's deputy premier a "complete and utter Albertan" but — wouldn't you know it? — auto-correct or spell-check or some darn thing changed it to a different A-word. I won't say which one, but let's just say it's not as clean as the oilsands (officially).

While as a Canadian majority government we can technically do whatever we want, it's important to remember some of the basic rules of email etiquette to better facilitate relationships and to make our day-to-day jobs easier.

The basics:

- Always use a pleasant greeting and closing. If you are a federal minister, try to steer clear of the A-bomb.
- Address your contact with the proper level of formality. If they are the deputy premier of a major province, go with "Mr. Jerkface."
- Writing in all caps, adding italics or writing "!!!" does not make your point any more forceful. However, if you *DO ALL THREE???* I think the impact speaks for itself.

Spam and scam:

- Be wary of spam, especially emails that seem out of character for the sender. Porn links from the Saudi family, for instance, are almost certainly spam unless it's from Deputy Minister of Defence Khalid bin Sultan. Dude is off the hook.
- Make sure you're not accidentally deleting emails from the Spam-meat headquarters in Burlington, Ont. Once, we didn't reply to their emails for months and we missed a picnic invite.
- It's unacceptable to send corny or tasteless jokes in weird fonts and tell people to pass it on. That's what Facebook is for.

International relations:

- Always respond promptly to Nigerian princes. They're royalty, for goodness sake, and they need your help.
- Done properly, a nod to an foreign associate's culture can be well received. (E.g., "Congratulations on your son's marriage. UOL!" The UOL stands for ululating out loud.)
- "Please!" and "Thank you!" go a long way when lecturing other countries about how to run their economies.
- Finally, remember that even the tensest diplomatic exchange can be livened up with Comic Sans.

Hopefully this brief refresher course helped! Please forward this to five other people in your office by midnight or you will never find true love.

Also, if you have anything to say about Kenney, please hit "reply to sender" only.

Many thanks,
Conservative Party of Canada

Minister of Immigration Jason Kenney has apologized to Alberta Deputy Premier Thomas Lukaszuk for his comment. SEAN KILPATRICK/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

Germany — the missing piece

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Russia-Germany

Putting the puzzle together

People put together a jigsaw puzzle of a self-portrait of German artist Albrecht Durer in front of the state historical museum and a monument to Soviet-era Marshal Georgy Zhukov in Manezh Square outside the Kremlin in Moscow on Wednesday. The 300-square-metre puzzle is being set up on the occasion of the German Year in Russia.

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Celebration

- The joint exhibition Germans and Russians — 1,000 Years of History, Art, and Culture, is the highlight of the opening of the German Year in Russia.
- On the German side, the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation is in charge of the exhibition, which will be shown at the Neues Museum in Berlin starting in October in connection with the beginning of the Russia Year in Germany.

Countries collaborating

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Minister of State Cornelia Pieper, in a statement regarding the collaboration between Germany and Russia.

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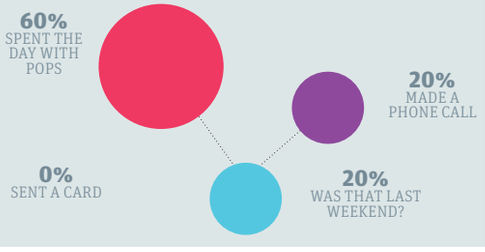

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@TheRealStas: ive been through hotter #HeatWave

@Leebonics: And yes, I am wearing a camelback; gotta stay hydrated! #MommaDidntRaiseNoFool

@sandeep_jain00: I think we should consider going about our lives using clean energy. The weather isn't going to get any better. Next year it might be hotter

@shannonannabel: Seriously, did I go to sleep last night and wake up in the tropics today? #HeatWave

@rinabang: What's cooler than being cool? Nothing. I hate the humidex.

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Everybody's Talkin' Tedeschi

Toronto Jazz Festival. Twice ranked as one of the greatest guitarists of all time by Rolling Stone, Derek Truck now focusing on song writing over virtuosity

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Technical prowess is hardly a necessary skill in pop music. But for jazz and blues musicians, like the ones playing TD Toronto Jazz Festival over the next ten days, it's a mandatory prerequisite.

Yet that doesn't mean musical mastery precludes things like stage presence and songwriting.

"Playing guitar and writing tunes are two different skill sets," says Derek Trucks, one-half of the brain trust behind soul-blues crew Tedeschi Trucks Band.

"You have to put time into both."

Trucks' technical bona fides are about as unimpeachable as they come. A child prodigy, Trucks formed the Derek Trucks Band in 1996 when he was 17 and officially joined the Allman Brothers Band at the age of 20 after touring with the group for several years.

He's been ranked on Rolling Stones' Greatest Guitarists of All Time list twice.

Yet for all his skill, Trucks says writing songs has replaced practicing scales as his musical past time of choice.

"After spending a good 15 years on your tone and improvisation and how much ferocity you can get out of a solo, I felt pretty good."

These days he's turning to songwriters like Leonard Cohen and the Band rather than guitar heroes for inspiration.

The shift coincided with the disillusion of the Derek Trucks Band and the formation of the eleven-piece Tedeschi Trucks Band with his wife, Susan Tedeschi. The group, which combines Tedeschi's soulful vocals and Trucks' guitar virtuosity, released a live album last month, Everybody's Talkin' last month.

Each musician has caught some flack for the change in direction, but Trucks believes true fans will follow him through whatever creative muse strikes his fancy, citing Eric Clapton and his many musical mutations — the Yardbirds, Cream, Derek and the Dominoes — as inspiration.

"You have to make music you believe in," says Trucks. "Hopefully people come with an open mind."

TD Toronto Jazz Festival runs from June 22 to July 1. Check torontojazz.com for the full schedule.

Quoted

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Derek Trucks, Tedeschi Trucks Band.

Janelle Monae

This ain't your grandpa's jazz

While Toronto's Jazz fest hasn't completely abandoned its musical roots the way many other jazz and blues fests have, it seems their definition of "Jazz" changes each year. Two years ago hip-hop legends (and TK house band) performed and this year funky neo-soul star Janelle Monae is getting top billing along with indie heavy weights Destroyer and reggae star Ziggy Marley.

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Scene in brief

Mulroney says Good Morning

One of Canada's best-known TV personalities is joining the weekend edition of Good Morning America. ABC says Ben Mulroney will begin appearing on the New York-based series this Saturday. That's in addition to his ongoing role as co-anchor of CTV's entertainment show eTalk. The job follows Mulroney's two recent appearances as co-host of the morning talk show Live! with Kelly Ripa. Those stints marked Mulroney's first broadcasting gigs in front of a U.S. audience. In a release, ABC News president Ben Sherwood calls Mulroney "a terrific broadcaster" who is "quick on his feet and excels at live television."

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More alien action set for season 2

TV. Falling Skies producer Steven Spielberg wants show to 'Amp it up'

Moon Bloodgood, left, and Noah Wyle, appear in a scene from TNT's Falling Skies. KEN WORONER/TNT, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Noah Wyle is confronting an alien invasion, the death of his wife and the potential annihilation of the human species in Falling Skies.

But he had to face a more personal issue in tackling the role of history professor Tom Mason in TNT's sci-fi series, which airs Sunday nights: Wyle, 41, has become an elder statesman, relatively speaking.

"I'm Anthony Edwards," said Wyle, referring to the ER co-star who's got eight years on him and boasted more credits when they started on the medical drama in 1994. "I'm the guy who's been around a little longer and has a little more set savvy."

It's a shift that came up faster than expected for Wyle, who looks younger than his years despite the beard he added for gravitas on Falling Skies.

"When I showed up on set and realized I was going to play a father to Drew Royce, who's 26, my first instinct was, 'You gotta be kidding me.' Then I thought, 'Why is nobody else having a problem with this?'"

With his own children just 9 and 6 years old, Wyle protests, "I'm a young dad."

His TV expertise is much appreciated, said Remi Aubuchon, the show's executive producer.

"Noah is a terrific example for the rest of the cast and us. He's always on set prepared and he stays on the set. And this is a revelation for me, he reads scripts early and his notes are always well thought-out and smart."

Intelligence is a hallmark of Wyle's characters since ER, the actor acknowledges: "I tend to play smart guys, which I like. Brains over brawn."

But Professor Tom is far from desk bound. There's plenty of opportunity for him to show off his action skills as Tom and other Earthlings fight multi-legged aliens, unfondly nicknamed "skitters" by their human prey, and their murderous robots. The 10 episodes of season two, filmed in Vancouver, bring new depth to the characters and begin to unfold the "mythology onion" surrounding the aliens and their mission, Wyle said.

"It feels a lot fresher, a lot more fun, instead of going, 'I'm Tom Mason, I used to be a history professor. To prove that, I'm going to cite historical references for each one of these battles,"' he said.

There's definitely more action afoot this season, Aubuchon said, and at the specific direction of executive producer Steven Spielberg.

"His primary thing, and I believe he used these words, was, 'Amp it up. Fans want more. We have to deliver more than we did in the first season,"' Aubuchon said. With six months elapsed since the invasion, and the initial trauma past, the conflict had to evolve.

The 2nd Mass understands "we're not playing anymore, we're not hiding, and if we die, we die honourably," he said.

Spielberg was also adamant that "Falling Skies" avoid turning into a "hardware show" with emotions swamped by special effects, Aubuchon said. There will be family time for Tom and his three sons, and romance as well.

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Douglas Sullivan, 12, right, and Avery Ash, 14, are shown on the set of Hold Fast in Bauline, N.L., last week.

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Hold Fast goes from book to film

Movie. Story tells the tale of a Newfoundland boy's quest to belong

The classic Newfoundland novel Hold Fast, ranked by Quill & Quire as second only to Anne of Green Gables for Canadian children's books, will soon be a film starring Molly Parker, Andy Jones and soulful newcomer Avery Ash.

Fourteen-year-old Ash hails from the tiny coastal community of Hant's Harbour, N.L., on the Bay de Verde Peninsula, a tight-knit town not unlike the fishing outport that his character, Michael, calls home.

In the book, Michael is suddenly wrenched from everything he loves most when his parents are killed in a car wreck. He and his little brother, Brent, are separated as the younger boy stays with their aunt and grandfather, while Michael heads to a larger city to live with his Aunt Ellen, played by Parker of NBC's The Firm, and Uncle Ted, played by Newfoundland actor Aiden Flynn.

Michael bonds in that troubled house with his cousin, Curtis, but soon begins to crack under the weight of his grief, taunts at school and his Uncle Ted's heavy hand. When those pressures build into a major blowup, Michael takes off with Curtis in tow to the woodlands that were once his refuge.

Their timeless quest for both freedom and belonging is set against the spectacular backdrop of Newfoundland's Gros Morne National Park and postcard-pretty fishing villages such as Bauline. It's an adventure film based on a story that still resonates almost 35 years after it was first published, Ash said during a brief break from filming.

"Michael, at the start of the movie, he's really quick to judge people. But at the end of the movie he learns that you can't really judge people by how they look or by how they act at first sight.

"You definitely can learn from this book. Michael experiences being picked on by a big bully at school, and other children or kids can learn that it's not a good thing to do. It's another way to reach out about bullying."

He flashed a wide grin as he talked about the thrill of making his first feature film after playing parts in local theatre.

Ash and 12-year-old Douglas Sullivan of St. John's, who plays Curtis, were selected after months of auditions around the province.

It's the second time Parker has filmed in Newfoundland after her role 10 years ago with William Hurt and Andy Jones in the film adaptation of Newfoundland author Ed Riche's book Rare Birds.

Her friendship and collaboration with Hold Fast co-producer and screenwriter Rosemary House brought her back to the Rock right after 10 months of filming the new TV series The Firm, based on John Grisham's best-selling novel.

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This 1979 photo shows comedian Chevy Chase getting his ear licked from co-star Benji as the two held a news conference in Los Angeles announcing their movie Oh Heavenly Dog. NICK UT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

Brandon Camp, right, the writer, producer and director of the upcoming feature film remake of Benji, and animal trainer Mark Forbes, check out a 3-month-old fox terrier mix at the Best Friends Animal Society shelter in Los Angeles. REED SAXON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Keeping it all in the family

Remake. Son of Benji creator searches for scruffy mutt to create a modern day Benji

Resumé

- Trainer Mark Forbes, who will be working on the new Benji film, has plenty of Hollywood animal experience.
- He's worked on 101 Dalmatians, Dr. Doolittle, Marley and Me, We Bought a Zoo, Mr. Popper's Penguins, Evan Almighty and Zookeeper.

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Brandon Camp, whose father created Benji nearly 40 years ago, and veteran movie trainer Mark Forbes have set out to find a new Benji in a nationwide search that includes online tools and sites that weren't around when the first four Benjis were discovered.

A Facebook page (facebook.com/benjithemovie) has been set up so pet owners and shelter staffs can post pictures and videos of dogs they think could be the next Benji.

Camp and Forbes will scour photos of pets from shelters and rescues across the country, along with sites like petfinder.com and adoptapet.com. Forbes said he was personally visiting every shelter within 75 miles of Los Angeles, where he is general manager and head trainer at Birds and Animals Unlimited.

The original 1974 movie Benji is about a stray who helps save two kidnapped children. It was written, produced, directed and financed by Camp's father, Joe Camp. When he couldn't find a distributor, he and his wife, the late Carolyn Camp, decided to do it themselves.

There would be four sequels, several TV specials, a Saturday morning TV series, a syndicated comic strip and all kinds of merchandizing deals.

More than 73 million people would see Benji at theatres and more than a billion people around the world watch it on television. Millions of DVDs would be sold.

The original Benji was Higgins, adopted in the early 1960s from the Burbank Animal Shelter by late animal trainer Frank Inn. Higgins played Dog in the television series Petticoat Junction for several years. At the age of 14, he became Benji.

The second Benji was Higgins' daughter, the third was a distant relative and the fourth was adopted from the Humane Society of South Mississippi.

"I only have snapshot memories of the original," said Brandon Camp, who was just 3 years old when Benji came out. "The second Benji is the one I grew up with and travelled with and knew and loved."

The dog was so much a part of his life, he was nicknamed Benji at school. The two of them were constantly on the go — from White House Easter egg hunts to morning shows, late shows and show-and-tells.

"I missed most of my first grade because I was travelling around with Benji," said Camp, who directed Love Happens.

When he was 6 or 7, Camp went to New York so Benji could ride a float in the Macy's parade, where thousands of people were trying to get close to see him.

"It was the first time I realized what kind of star he was," he remembers.

Camp said the new movie will stay true to the heart of the original Benji.

"Parents and grandparents will recognize the spirit of Benji," he said. "He was always a mutt and will always be a mutt. He is the everydog."

But can a sequel be as good as the original? Besides millions of Benji fans making comparisons, Camp is aware his father, who now lives in Tennessee, will be watching, too.

"The irony is he doesn't have to say a thing. I hear his voice constantly in my head. If I screw this up, I have to look him in the eye," he said.

Dad doesn't seem concerned.

"His script is fantastic and I have no doubt that he will discover and be directing the best Benji ever," Joe Camp said.

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The bottle-smashing brawl at a New York nightclub between the crews and hangers-on of Drake and Chris Brown left one R&B singer with a nasty gash on his chin and boiling blood between the two. While they don't always end up in the ER, celebrity beefs certainly have a tendency to overcook. We take a look at some of the juiciest flaps of the last decade.

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5 Celebrity beefs

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Kanye West vs. Taylor Swift

At the 2009 MTV VMAs, when the country star won Best Female Video, Kanye snatched the microphone from her hands, rendering Taylor speechless and fans shell shocked. "I'm sorry, but Beyoncé had one of the best videos of all time," the rapper told the crowd. Amid a torrent of uniform condemnation, he diffused the situation by apologizing on Jay Leno's show. While any ill will from the stage-crashing debacle has long ago abated, the expression "pulling a Kanye" still remains in the popular lexicon.
Beef Rating: Skirt Steak

Donald Trump vs. Rosie O'Donnell

This ongoing spat was sparked by comments Rosie made after Trump's decision to allow a Miss USA winner to keep her crown after allegations of underage drinking. In their epic battle of barbs he's been called a "snake-oil salesman" and a "pimp." Meanwhile, she's been labelled a "true loser" and "a terrible, disgusting human being." This past March after Rosie's Oprah Network talk show was cancelled, Trump told Fox and Friends: "Frankly, that was just going to happen. I knew it immediately when they announced it." He added, "Some moron will come and hire her again to do something else and that will fail. At some point, let her rest. Let her go away."
Beef Rating: Porterhouse

Stephen Baldwin vs. Kevin Costner

In late 2010 the Baldwin brother best known for his role in The Usual Suspects filed a lawsuit against Costner alleging that the Field of Dreams actor duped him out of millions. Baldwin, an early investor in Costner's Ocean Therapy Solutions, sold out just days before a contract to sell the company's oil spill cleaning equipment to BP was announced. It took a jury just two hours to find Baldwin's claim without merit.
Beef Rating: Tenderloin Roast

Tom Cruise vs. Brook Shields

In 2005 the earnest Mission Impossible star became the butt of thousands of jokes when he lambasted Brook Shields for taking prescription medication to treat postpartum depression. While explaining his controversial stance on the Today Show, he knocked psychiatry calling it a "pseudo science." Shields retaliated in a New York Times op-ed: "If any good can come of Mr. Cruise's ridiculous rant, let's hope that it gives much-needed attention to a serious disease," she wrote.
Beef Rating: Sloppy Joe

Noel Gallagher vs. Robbie Williams

This gristly Britpop beef nearly charbroiled when the Oasis guitarist dumped on Williams in an interview calling him "the fat dancer from Take That." Williams lashed back at Gallagher, calling him a "mean-spirited dwarf" and following an Oasis album release mailed him a wreath with a note reading: "To Noel Gallagher, RIP. Heard your latest album — with deepest sympathy, Robbie Williams." The discourse of the digs has grown more civil in recent years. At a 2011 Take That concert at Wembley Stadium, Williams told the crowd that Noel could kiss his "perfectly formed backside."
Beef Rating: Brisket

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Q & A. Rapper turned actor Ice-T makes his directorial debut in Something from Nothing: The Art of Rap

PAT HEALY
Metro World News in Boston

Hip-hop is reaching an age where more and more of its most high-profile practitioners never knew a time when it did not exist. That's one of the reasons that Ice-T felt compelled to make Something from Nothing: The Art of Rap.

For his directorial debut, which opened in select markets last Friday, he rounded up 38 rap legends to document an oral history of the genre's birth and growth. Through this method he unveils the creative process of an art form that is not often enough given the cultural credit it deserves.

"This film isn't about the money, the cars, the jewelry, the girls," he says at the beginning of the movie. "This film is about the craft, what it takes to write a rap, what goes on inside the heads of the masters."

It feels like this movie couldn't have been made at any other time. Most of the originators are still alive and vibrant, but they're not so entrenched in the game that they're above being nostalgic.

When you get to the point where hip-hop is old enough that people can look back at it and reflect, it's much better than catching it in the moment, because when you catch an artist in the moment, there's no mistakes. Everything is right, everything is on point, there's no weakness. I think that when you get older you've been through it, you have humility and you can laugh at it. At the end of the movie, you see all of the RIPs we put on there. ... This has been around long enough that we've lost many, many rappers. I wanted to catch this now.

It seems now like we're seeing the emergence of the first MCs to be born into hip-hop, whereas all of the people in the movie saw the beginning of it.

Yeah, and you know there will be a Part Two (to this movie). I don't know if I'll do it. The next generation will write their legacy down. It wasn't time for me to go out and really start the movie with the new artists.

Ice-T wants to show the importance of lyricism in rap through his new documentary. DAVID GOLDMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

I have to start it where I started, and my trek was that I was an L.A. rapper and I moved to New York and New York kind of put me in the game, and they told me that this requires skills. They also taught me you've got to respect it.

They said, 'If we're going to let you into hip-hop and we're going to give you the co-sign, Ice-T, never turn your back on it, never disrespect this, because this is something that's serious.' I try to do this with the film.

The film does have a serious and reverential tone, but there are also times when you're laughing at yourself, reminiscing about even the name of your first crew, which I'll have to remind readers was called the Eliminators Pimpin' Association.

(Laughs) The funny thing about that is that us — me and Lord Jama — were naming off who we were before you ever heard of Ice-T. I was saying those rhymes before I even knew about rap, we were just the Eliminators Pimpin' Association, trying to talk some s—, and he was Kid Magic.

Do you have a lot of old rhymes that you're able to laugh at?

The rhymes I used to say, I would say them for the gang members, and it was like a form of what they called toasting back in the day. You say a rhyme and they would be entertained, and there was no music. And when I first heard the music, I was like, 'I can do that! I'm already doing that!'

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Matthew Sweet: Back in the arms of a good friend

Anniversary. 20 years after the release of his smash Girlfriend, the singer returns with a tour to celebrate the hit and a new album

LINDA LABAN
Metro World News in Boston

Matthew Sweet. HANDOUT

Maybe anniversaries exist as a do-over. At least, that's how it's working out for Matthew Sweet, whose 20th anniversary tour for his iconic 1991 record Girlfriend has kept him busy since last fall.

This time around, says Los Angeles-based Sweet, he's getting to enjoy the record.

"I'm not as nervous and freaky as I was then, I'm more grounded now. So I can enjoy it more," says the 48-year-old Nebraska native. "It was a hard time for me. I had made two records before Girlfriend with no success. Then came all the attention. I was not prepared for the amount of work and specifically the amount of meaness that was reflected back at me. It was sickening, in a way."

We're talking 20 years. Does Sweet feel, well, old?

"I feel old in general. It doesn't feel like some old thing I'm having to relive," Sweet says of Girlfriend. "At the end of 2010 I thought, 'It's going to be 20 next year, we should do something.'

"(Then) I thought, 'What was I thinking?!' I had to re-learn (the album). Now, it's really comfortable for me. Once we learned the record, it just felt normal."

And what of Sweet's new stuff? His scheduling is a bit off: Sweet released his new album, Modern Art, just before the Girlfriend anniversary tour began. "We knew the two were coinciding, but I thought I could keep on promoting Modern Art beyond Girlfriend. It makes Modern Art a bit more mysterious. But I think it will get its attention over time."

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The sound of summer has a name: Icona Pop

Swedish duo. After meeting three years ago, the close friends are ready to take on the music world with infectious dance tunes

Icona Pop. HANDOUT

EMMA BJÖRKMAN
Metro World News in Sweden

"I crashed my car into the bridge! I don't care! I love it!"

Those aren't the most cheerful lyrics for a summer hit single, but Icona Pop's throbbing dance-friendly beats make anything sound like fun. The duo's single I Love It, basically about a woman telling a partner to go to hell, has 265,000 views on YouTube. The tune Nights Like This has even more.

"It's amazing when someone comes up to you and say that they like what we are doing and when people sing along in our songs," says Caroline Hjelt, 24.

The two women (the other being 25-year-old Aino Jawo) met at a party three years ago and clicked instantly.

"We're as close as you can be. We have lived together since we met and sleep in the same bed. We have an amazing respect for each other and have a damned good time together. We tell each other that we're lucky to have one another," says Hjelt.

It didn't take long after meeting before they started making music.

"Aino was freshly dumped and I was frustrated about my music when we met so it was a perfect time to start something new. It only took a week or so to write our new song and after four weeks, we had our first gig. Then we started chasing people and nagging our way to gigs," says Hjelt.

Now, having lived in London for two years, Hjelt and Jawo are temporarily back in their old commune in Stockholm and working on their debut album.

"It is a great mix. You can follow our journey over these three years, there's a difference between our first songs and the ones we have written now," says Jawo.

Hjelt adds: "It's our little baby. Now it's time for the rest of the world to get to know us."

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Hollywood producers grease their odds of success by spreading the star power on thick, adding a smattering of CGI and sticking with refried franchise reboots, saucy sequels and piquant prequels. The seasoning they choose may change from year to year, but the zing of choice remains habanero-pepper-hot babes.

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Emma Stone, The Amazing Spider-Man

Despite the inherent creepiness of Jim Carrey's infamous video valentine to Stone, his sordid soliloquy is still endemic of the hormonal effect this raspy-voiced firecracker summons up: "I just wanted to let you know that I think you're all the way beautiful. Not just pretty, but, you know, smart and kind-hearted. And if I were a lot younger, I would marry you, and we would have chubby little freckled faced kids. We'd laugh all day long."

Kate Beckinsale, Total Recall

At times it's hard to tell who has a bigger crush on this gorgeous Brit: the Underworld fanboys who lapped up all four iterations of the vampires vs werewolves race war or Hollywood hotshots. With Beckinsale by his side in a fetching white strapless number at the 2012 Golden Globes while presenting an award, comedian Seth Rogen couldn't help himself. "Hello, I'm Seth Rogen, and I'm currently trying to conceal a massive erection," he quipped, clearly not reading off the teleprompter.

Anne Hathaway, The Dark Knight Rises

After catapulting into the spotlight with the Princess Diaries series, the fresh-faced ingenue eventually shed her Disney training wheels and navigated toward more mature and complex characters in Brokeback Mountain and Love and Other Drugs. Hathaway is bound to get the temperature rising when she fills out the figure-hugging Catwoman suit, taking the torch from Halle Berry, Michelle Pfeiffer and all the other smoldering actresses that have caught a bad case of cat scratch fever in Gotham City.

Nikolette Noel, The Expendables 2

When a film has more testosterone then a cell-block at San Quentin you need a lights-out looker to represent womankind. This time out, we lose Mickey Rourke and Steve Austin, but alongside Stallone, Statham, Li, Lundgren, Couture and company are Schwarzenegger and Willis in full-on roles, and Chuck Norris and Jean Claude Van Damme. The daughter of a Hungarian model, this is Noel's highest profile role to date. She plays wife to Liam Hemsworth and no doubt will draw the eye of every other dude.

Mila Kunis, Ted

Mila's it-girl factor has risen meteorically since her days on That 70s Show. Recent risqué roles in Black Swan and Friends with Benefits catapulted her into the Top 10 rankings on practically every "Sexiest Women on the Planet" list in the last couple years. Yet becoming one of the most desired leading ladies in the business has not messed with her head. Last July, a sergeant stationed in Afghanistan made a video asking her out on a date to a Marine Corps Ball with him, and Kunis took him up on the offer.

Rihanna, Battleship

The green-eyed songstress is a remarkably appropriate choice for this $200 million reimagining of the naval war game Milton Bradley originally conceived in 1931. Whenever the need arises the Barbadian beauty can always open her Umbrella to shield herself from an incoming plastic peg. And if the aliens sink her team's submarine (What? You thought the movie would just be Liam Neeson making googly eyes at Rihanna across the deck?), she can just belt out of Man Down. Unlike her racy 2010 album Rated-R, this flick is PG-13, but with Rihanna and Brooklyn Decker aboard, this ship could float a little longer than the Bismarck.

Scarlett Johansson, The Avengers

You'd think with Thor, Captain America, Iron Man, the Hulk, and Nick Fury et al jockeying for screen time the Black Widow would get short thrift. But hey, just because Black Widow's superpowers are pretty puny when compared to her fellow Avengers, nobody tosses Scar-Jo in a corner. One of the most memorable scenes in the flick is Johansson bound to a chair surrounded by a trio of baddies whom she confidently dispatches in stunning fashion. Whether she's zipping into a leather suit or decked out in S.H.I.E.L.D casual, her curves are always set to stun.

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Tarantino up to his old tricks again with Django Unchained

Wild West. Foxx, DiCaprio and Waltz give performances that bring back memories of Inglorious Basterds, director's other films

Christoph Waltz, left, and Jamie Foxx play 1850s bounty hunters in Quentin Tarantino's Django Unchained. HANDOUT

Quentin Tarantino is rewriting history again with his upcoming film, Django Unchained.

After the success of his much-lauded World War II fiction film Inglourious Basterds, Tarantino is heading to the Wild West and time travelling to the years where slavery was still legal in America.

Jaime Foxx is the new Samuel L. Jackson — he might not have the cadence and the voice, but, just by the short clips of Foxx brandishing a pistol and cracking a whip, you know that he is one BAMF.

Leonardo DiCaprio is the new Brad Pitt — but evil at first, I had to do a double take to make sure that Lt. Aldo Raine (played by Brad Pitt in Inglourious Basterds) wasn't starring in this film. Thanks to slight variations on their facial hair, I was able to tell the difference.

While both actors had to adopt Southern accents in their Tarantino appearances, DiCaprio plays a smooth villain — which is a far cry from Pitt's boisterous war hero.

Christoph Waltz is a very versatile actor. Waltz's memorable role as a shrewd Nazi in Inglourious Basterds won him an Oscar.

Now he's back working with Tarantino. It seems like he'll be one of the heroes, a testament to the fact that no matter what part he plays you can't keep your eyes off of him.

Dog the Bounty Hunter looks like a crossing guard compared to these two.

If one of the movie's tag lines — "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Vengence" — didn't give you a hint that there would be blood in this film, then the fact that Tarantino — the master of dialogue, 360-degree pans around tables and gratuitous violence — is directing this film should have tipped you off.

The director isn't blatantly ripping off an old film, thank you very much. In the final bar scene, Django (Jamie Foxx) is sitting next to Django (Franco Nero). Nero starred in 1966's Django, a spaghetti western where he, a gunslinger, had to battle the KKK and a gang of Mexican Bandits.

For all those people out there who constantly complain that all of Tarantino's films are ripped off from somewhere and that he never gives the original films credit, here's his nod that he recognizes where he got his influences from.

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Florence Nightingale

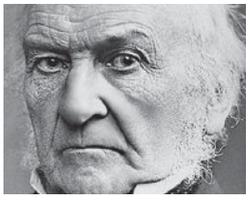
Legendary nurse saved countless lives in the Crimean War, and the "lady with the lamp" was a trailblazer for sanitation and hygiene. Her skills would be priceless for containing the infectious zombie plagues that are becoming a constant nuisance.

Cleopatra

The Egyptian pharaoh was a mystic who liked to experiment with witchcraft and substances. So who better to take on the bandaged terror of The Mummy where it lives?

Horatio Nelson

British naval captain and hero of the Napoleonic wars. With such pedigree on the high seas we believe Nelson would have been an expert dragon slayer, capable of dousing any flames, and would have experience with sea monsters too.



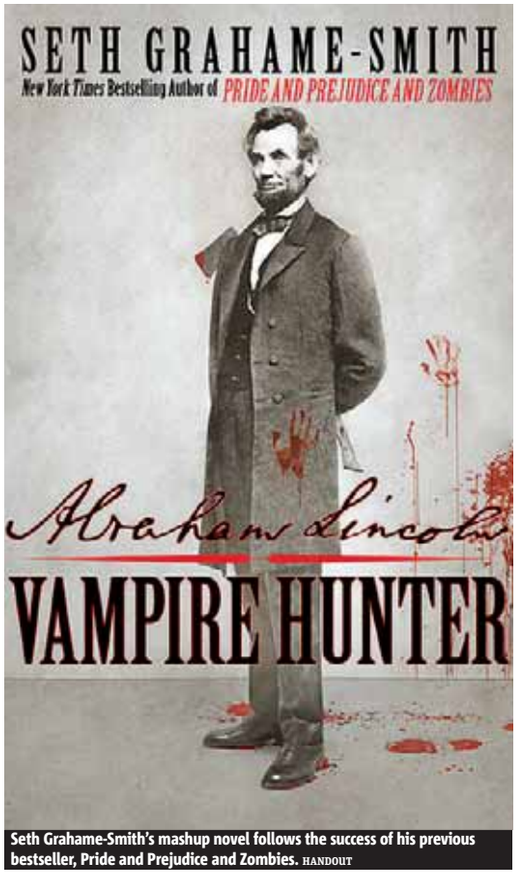
William Gladstone

One of Britain's longest-serving prime ministers. When Gladstone wasn't handling business, he was happiest in his garden, where he earned a reputation for being green-thumbed. Useful in case of a Triffid-style mutant plant attack, or if the Little Shop of Horrors returns.

George Washington

The first U.S. president was an excellent shot and a keen fox hunter. We see no reason why those skills couldn't be transferred to scarier, hairier dogs — such as werewolves.

Who can say Lincoln didn't kill vampires?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Seth Grahame-Smith's mashup novel follows the success of his previous bestseller, Pride and Prejudice and Zombies. HANDOUT

Imaginative mashup. Author Seth Grahame-Smith came up with the idea after seeing Lincoln and Twilight books together

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Abraham Lincoln was secretly a vampire hunter? Only the detailed, imaginative mind of Seth Grahame-Smith could come up with a tale like this. He's made a living from mashups, like Pride and Prejudice and Zombies and the Dark Shadows.

Metro World News spoke to him about his inspirations and why he chose Lincoln as his "historical revisionist" project.

So, how do you come up with this stuff?

This idea specifically was a weird organic outgrowth of Pride and Prejudice and Zombies. I was going around the country promoting that in 2009, which was coincidentally the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth so every bookstore I'd go into no matter where it was in the United States, I'd see the same display of Lincoln books, biographies, things like that. And, then inevitably there would be the Twilight: True Blood table next to it. I started to draw the distinction of if everywhere you go there are vampire books right in front of the stores, and everywhere you go there are Lincoln books right in front of the stores. It stands to reason that…

Maybe Abraham Lincoln was a vampire hunter?

Maybe there's something to combining them. It just began, a fun little game within myself imagining what it would be like. Would Lincoln be a vampire? I thought, "No that's not really true to his ideals. He would be a vampire hunter. That got me interested enough to read about the real man, and when I started to read about the Lincoln legend I got hooked into it and started to see where all of the opportunities were to add the genre twist to it.

Abraham Lincoln is pretty well-known in the U.S.. What do you think international audiences can glean from it?

What we've made here isn't so much a political movie about a president as much as a superhero movie. It's a superhero origin movie really.

I think they would approach it as — I hope they would see it — whether they know much about Lincoln or not, he's an interesting guy who lived in the 19th century who made himself into — and this is in real life too — made himself into something extraordinary.

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The primary characters of Pixar's latest animated feature film Brave are, from left, King Fergus (voiced by Billy Connolly), Queen

Brave may seem familiar, but it's actually all new

Fairy tale feel. The filmmakers wanted audiences to be lulled into thinking they know what's happening but don't

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If you walk away from seeing Brave, the new Pixar princess movie, feeling as though the story was familiar, that was on purpose.

"We wanted it have that feeling where you wonder, 'Was that a real fairy tale?'" says producer Katherine Sarafian. "Because it feels like a classic, dark ancient tale but told in a new way."

Director Mark Andrews adds that it took years to fine-tune the story. "We didn't really have the story done, done-done-done-itty-done-done in all its permutations, until December of last year." He says. "In the last three months I honed it. That happens by watching it over and over and over again."

"The film will tell you what it needs and it doesn't need much," says Sarafian. "It doesn't need every bit of dialogue ever recorded. You need to get the point across."

The inspiration for the story of Merida (voiced by Kelly Macdonald), a flame-haired

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Elinor (Emma Thompson) and Merdia (Kelly Macdonald). HANDOUT

Break out the bagpipes

Set in ancient Scotland, many of Brave's voice actors are actually Scottish.

- **Kelly Macdonald as Merida,** was born in Glasgow and still lives there with her husband Dougie Payne from the band Travis.
- **Billy Connolly as King Fergus** was also born in Glasgow, and returned there in 2005 after years of living in Hollywood.
- **Robbie Coltrane as Lord Dingwall.** Born in Rutherglen, Coltrane had to adopt an English accent to play Hagrid in the Harry Potter series.
- **Craig Ferguson as Lord Macintosh.** Also born in Glasgow, he wrote a book called American on Purpose about his immigration experience.
- **Kevin McKidd as Lord MacGuffin.** Born in Elgin, he is best known for his role in Trainspotting, a harrowing film about growing up in Scotland.

tomboy-turned-princess, who clashes with her mother and learns that you have to be careful what you wish for — especially when that wish is granted by an absent-minded witch — came from a number of sources.

"There are stories about people changing onto animals," said Andrews. "There are stories about asking for a wish and it going wrong and teaching you a lesson. There are all those aspects of it in different pieces so we built this thing from scratch; pulling ideas that we know have worked in other places."

The final stop before theatres is the head office of Pixar, home to hits like Finding Nemo, The Incredibles, WALL-E, Up and Toy Story 3.

"The people I have to show the film to have been through it," says Andrews. "They have Academy Awards, so if they say, 'I smell a rat,' I have to get back in there. They are the best guys to have on your side. I want their response."

"Our bosses are creative," says Sarafian. "They have all directed, rather than having suits or business people make the decisions by focus group or budget. They're making decisions based on what they find entertaining based on their experiences and training."

The result is a classic feeling film, with no pop culture references. "We didn't want to be glib," said Sarafian, "we want generations to watch it."

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"We didn't want to be glib; we want generations to watch it."

Katherine Sarafian, Brave producer
Explaining why there are no pop culture references in the film

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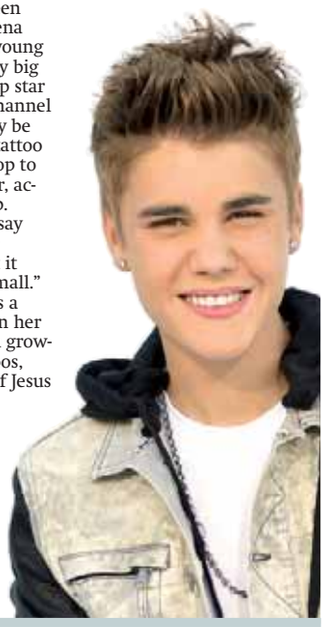
Biebs and Gomez to get couple tattoos?



It must be love between Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez, because the young couple is taking a very big step together: The pop star and former Disney Channel actress will reportedly be headed to New York tattoo artist Bang Bang's shop to get some ink together, according to Hollyscoop.

The source didn't say exactly what the pair would be getting, but it will be "something small."

Gomez already has a piece by Bang Bang on her side, and Bieber has a growing collection of tattoos, including a portrait of Jesus on his lower leg.

Drake

Weezy wants Drizzy to squash the beef with Breezy

Rapper Lil Wayne is reportedly pressuring Drake to make peace with Chris Brown after last week's New York nightclub brawl, according to TMZ.

But why the desire to calm tensions? Because Wayne is worried it will hurt his business, as songs with Brown doing a guest vocal tend to be big hits, a source explains.

"Making money matters most," a source says. Drake, for his part, is reportedly hesitant to extend an olive branch until he knows that Brown doesn't blame him for instigating the brawl.

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Deadmau5 puts Madonna on notice

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We weren't the only ones who sensed a little desperation in Madonna's current tour, which has featured more than one awkward striptease.

In the new issue of Rolling Stone, electronic music producer Joel Zimmerman (better know as Deadmau5, or that guy who wears a giant mouse head onstage) called out the pop star for her recent appearance at the Ultra Music Festival, where she asked, "How many people in this crowd have seen Molly?" — a clumsy reference to ecstasy, as is the title of her new album, MDNA.

"You want to be 'hip' and 'cool' and 'funky grandma'? Fine. It's not my place to say you're irrelevant," says Zimmerman. "If you're gonna come into my world, at least do it with a little more dignity."

You heard the man, Madonna. And if you start name-checking wine spritzers on ice, expect to hear from us.

Johnny Depp. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Depp and Paradis are done, rep confirms

After six months of dodging rumours that they were on the rocks, Johnny Depp and Vanessa Paradis have ended their 14-year relationship, Depp's rep confirms in a statement to Entertainment Tonight.

"Johnny Depp and Vanessa Paradis have amicably separated. Please respect their privacy and, more importantly, the privacy of their children," the statement reads. There's no word on how Depp and Paradis, who never married, will handle custody of their children, 12-year-old Lily Rose and nine-year-old Jack.

Sheen taking serious 'precautions'

Charlie Sheen admits that he's had to make some changes to the way he parties at his house after last year's very public flameout.

"We take phones and purses at my house, and people have to sign s—," Sheen tells Playboy magazine. "I'm not living in the Pentagon, but I've been burned enough to have to take precautions. It's either that or choose a different type of woman or party guest, because you never know."

And as for why the troubled actor remains popular? He has a theory: "If you're special, you're tortured," he says.

"I know that sounds arrogant, but you can't not be special and have a 30-year career. You can't not be a little different from others and be successful for three decades. Your mind has to work a little differently than the average brain."

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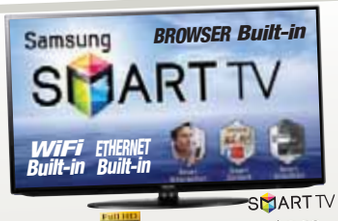

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Fashion Flash

Adidas pulls shoe over cuff controversy

Adidas cancelled plans for a sneaker with a shackle-like ankle cuff Monday night after some critics said it too closely resembled a symbol of slavery. The JS Roundhouse Mid, a high-top sneaker with an orange plastic cuff, was made in collaboration with fashion designer Jeremy Scott. The sneaker "is nothing more than the designer Jeremy Scott's outrageous and unique take on fashion and has nothing to do with slavery," Adidas said in a statement. "Since the shoe debuted on our Facebook page ahead of its market release in August, Adidas has received both favourable and critical feedback. We apologize if people are offended by the design and we are withdrawing our plans to make them available in the marketplace."

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On the Web

U.S. athletes will wear uniforms at Olympics that could shave time off sprints

Style Olympics

The fashion giants face off at London 2012. Who cares about the medals, when some of the cattiest competition will be going on in the style stakes?

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Sportswear has always been a sticky topic for fashionable types.

For a start, sports people do require a level of practicality and comfort.

In the fashion world, those are two ugly words used almost exclusively for those individuals who wear hiking gear in the city or running trainers while commuting because they're just easier. I shudder.

The balance between looking good and performing well offers a dilemma that's long plagued athletes who are forced into some over-branded piece of nationalistic lycra worn under what amounts to little more than a shell suit.

Thankfully, in this age of celebrity endorsements and collaborations, the real designer talent has got behind their teams, namely Giorgio Armani (Italy), Stella McCartney and Adidas (Great Britain), Cedella Marley (Jamaica) and Ralph Lauren (U.S.A.).

Patriotic, yes and also the perfect piece of marketing with the Games' status as a visual spectacle and of course the potential for a multi-billion global audience.

Italy

You'd expect flair and passion from the Italians, and EA7 Emporio Armani sportswear delivers. Giorgio Armani created a 50-piece collection complete with luggage cut in white and midnight blue, which was the traditional colour pre-1970s. And if Italy's athletes need inspiration they need only look to the first words of Mameli's hymn (national anthem) embroidered on the inside of jackets and sweatshirts.

Great Britain

Great Britain gymnast Louis Smith says of the kit: "I really do love it. I like the way that the Union Jack is incorporated into the leotard and tracksuit — and it's more comfortable than anything I've competed in." Stella McCartney had all the pressure designing for the host nation and she seems to have delivered, despite claims that the design on the chest resembles the X Factor logo. Wishful thinking, perhaps.

Jamaica

Cedella Marley — yes she is Bob Marley's daughter — really did have to create something special, seeing as Usain Bolt is almost a dead certain for the gold. Marley looked to sport, music (there's an element of Buffalo Soldier) and Jamaican culture. There's even a nod to Bob with his face featuring on the shoulder of some track jackets. Marley said at the launch, "A little piece of him is going to be in London."

U.S.A.

Ralph Lauren is no stranger to the sports field, or London for that matter, with his regular collections for the Wimbledon staff. Lauren looked to the London 1984 Olympics and the 1930s and 1940s with off-duty cricket-collar shirts and sweatshirts and a dash of patriotic pride thanks to the felt U.S.A. appliqués. It's likely to be the biggest hit commercially with the brand's iconic polo player motif.

Canadian Apparel

We stand in style for thee

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What was the inspiration behind the 2012 Summer Olympic Team Apparel collection?

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What is your favourite piece from the 2012 line that you'll be wearing as you cheer on Team Canada?

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Oh, to walk in his shoes

Salvatore Ferragamo's creative director, Massimiliano Giornetti
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Humble hero.
Despite fashion fame, Massimiliano Giornetti stays "down to earth"

He's come out of the shadows and into the world spotlight. But Massimiliano Giornetti, Salvatore Ferragamo's creative director since 2010, says that he's still a "down to earth" guy — despite having tea with Meryl Streep and hanging out with Angelina Jolie.

The humility is perhaps surprising considering that Giornetti, who has breathed life into the 84-year-old fashion house, made history this week with the biggest catwalk coup in recent times: taking over the arcades of the Louvre for the 900-year-old building's first fashion show.

While the Louvre venue might be new, the Hollywood A-list has been linked for an eternity to the storied Italian brand.

"The link between Salvatore Ferragamo and Hollywood is as old as the company," Giornetti told The Associated Press. "It was probably the first house (in the 1920s) to create this link between fashion and celebrities."

It was patronage of actresses — such as Marilyn Monroe and Greta Garbo — that ensured Salvatore Ferragamo's "fairy tale" rise from a humble shoe repair shop in California into the leather "shoemaker of the stars." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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There's a first time for everything. This is my first time writing a column as the association's president and CEO, so I thought I would start off by telling you about the time I bought my first home.

It was 1982. The year E.T. topped the box office, Atari released a home version of Pac-Man and Van Morrison released his Beautiful Vision album. I mention Van Morrison only to say that I'm a big fan and I've been to nine of his concerts over the years. But back to 1982 — I was newly married and renting an apartment in London, Ont.

Nearby, there was a new townhouse development that hadn't sold out, and we were starting to think about investing in the real estate market. At that time, the market was slower than it is today and I can remember running by it during my workouts for a few months before I finally decided to stop in and check out what they had left in floor plans and pricing.

That townhouse was the first of five homes I've purchased over the years. As my career evolved and I went from being director of community planning at the former City of North York, to acting assistant deputy minister at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to commissioner of planning in York Region, I bought homes in Newmarket, Aurora and soon I'll be moving to downtown Toronto.

So now that you know a little about me, I look to forward to shedding light on some of the issues, as well as highlighting the activities of the building and renovation industry, as we meet the challenges of constructing the 40,000 homes per year required to meet the needs of the growing GTA.

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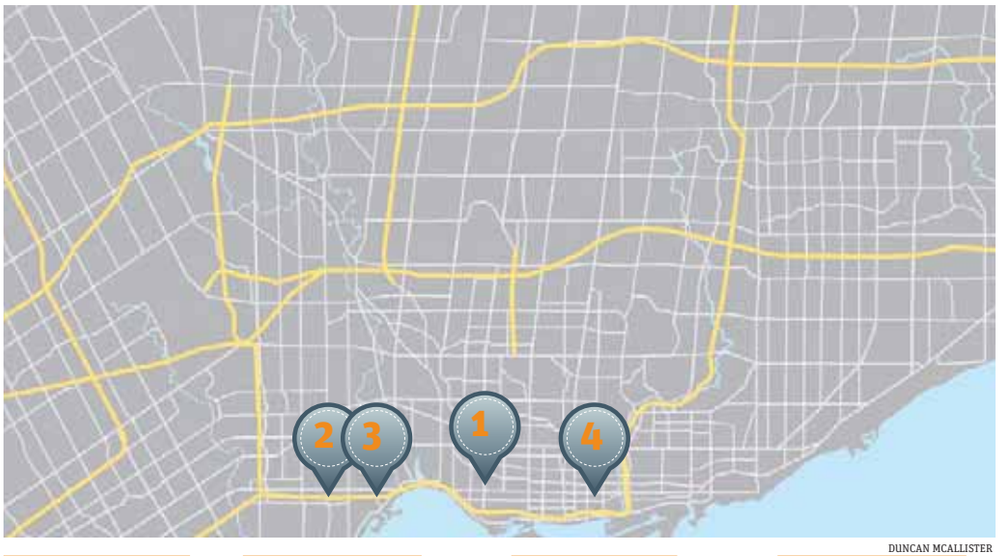

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The world according to Harry Stinson

Condo trends. Metro chats with the high profile real estate developer about the GTA condo bubble and what's next for him

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Some people consider him to be Canada's answer to Donald Trump. Others aren't quite so sure. But one thing's for certain, Harry Stinson has been a prominent mover and shaker in Toronto's real estate industry for a long, long time.

Metro speaks with Stinson about his thoughts on the current condo market and what he's got up his sleeve.

Stinson bristles at the notion of a GTA condo bubble: "I could fill a room with the-sky-is-falling articles from the Toronto media. The bubble is always about to burst. I don't have the same opinion," he exclaims.

But nonetheless, Stinson would be hesitant to invest in today's market climate.

"I would not be lining up to buy a condo as an investment now in downtown Toronto. It may continue to go up, it may not. I don't see the leverage and I certainly don't see the cash flow. But in terms of a meltdown, no I'm sorry."

Stinson has had his share of ups and downs as a Toronto power broker. With his signature accomplishment, the One King West hotel and condominiums, he has indelibly left his mark on Toronto's city skyline with what has been called the world's skinniest condo.

Real estate developer Harry Stinson CONTRIBUTED

He believes that Toronto has morphed into a modern, international city and like any other major urban centre, is priced accordingly and is still a comparatively attractive place for foreigners to park their investments.

"I really think that Toronto's healthy, it is a safe and pleasant place to live and it has a very high occupancy rate. Toronto is a destination city and I think we just have to appreciate it rather than resent the fact that real estate is expensive. The fact is, the real estate quality in downtown Toronto is pretty high," he maintains.

"Toronto is a pretty stable place and as a result there's a lot of people just putting their money into Toronto real estate because it's something that's tangible, it's reasonably safe and they're not terribly concerned about the return."

So what is Harry Stinson working on now?

Now based out of Hamilton, he is currently converting the historic Stinson Road School into lofts that will be ready next spring.

"I have nothing in Toronto," he says. "My focus really has been in historic buildings in Western New York. And I'm not selling condos there. It's development to hold. Keep them and rent them."

Stinson does miss Toronto however. "Every time I come back for a day, you feel the energy and just see the way the city's exploding, and it's appealing."

Think for yourself

Stinson's advice to Metro readers:

- **Do your homework.** "Don't fall into the trap of real estate is going up or real estate is going down. There's good and there's bad and there will be condos in Toronto that are losers. There are condos that have value: look at the downtown east area around Cherry Street. That is a very exciting new part of the city."

Quoted

"Toronto is a pretty stable place and as a result there's a lot of people just putting their money into Toronto real estate because it's something that's tangible, it's reasonably safe and they're not terribly concerned about the return."

Real estate developer Harry Stinson

Stinson's signature accomplishment: One King West hotel and condominiums CONTRIBUTED

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A family's search for the perfect cottage ends at Lantern Bay Resort in Muskoka.

The search for a family cottage isn't as easy as one might think. Its location, amenities, activities for the kids, and more importantly fitting the purchase into the family budget.
Everyone has a favourite memory of spending summers at the cottage, and if you don't you must have heard a story or two.

The cottage experience is as Canadian as peameal bacon and real maple syrup and should be experienced by everyone at least once in their life. Sitting by a campfire roasting hot dogs and marshmallows, and making "smores" is a rite of passage for any young camper.

As we looked into cottages, we found it was quite simple to find something to rent, but what about ownership? The thought of being able to escape after a long week at work would be great, plus the kids having a safe and memorable place to spend their summers would be more than perfect.

After a lot of research, what we found is, that cottages can be very expensive to say the least. Gone are the days when I grew up, where a $20,000 investment got you a family cottage on the lake. The cottages we liked seemed to cost as much as our home if not more, with some over four hundred thousand dollars.

The more we thought about cottage ownership, the more we realized it would mean two houses to maintain financially and physically. After all the whole idea was to get away from cutting grass and fixing things so I could spend more time with my children and simply relax.

"Fractional Ownership" cottages were affordable but they have maintenance fees and we couldn't justify spending over one hundred thousand dollars for something the family could only use for only 4 or 5 weeks a year.

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A large piece of art helps create a focal point. CB2.COM

Wall power. Large-scale art is the key to adding impact to a room

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Last year I had the pleasure of meeting Marta Calles, president of Crate & Barrel and former design director of CB2 stores.

Over the past few years both Crate & Barrel and CB2 have made great efforts to enter the Canadian market with many store openings and online web offerings. During our meeting, Marta and I discussed our visions of future home decor trends and in particular, the trending of the royals.

The royal wedding, the Queen's Jubilee and the summer Olympics made us sure everyone would want a little accent of British style in their homes after all these events had passed.

About a week after my meeting I emailed Ms. Calles; thanking her for her time and the great conversation about trends that we'd had. I referred back to our royal-trend discussion and included an image of a small portrait that I had painted of the Queen. Not an artist by any means (my painting was a weekend project) I hoped to show her how far ahead of the royal trend I had been.

To my surprise, Ms. Calles replied back to my email saying she loved the 'attitude' of the painting and wanted to have it reproduced for CB2 stores. Long story short, the painting was reproduced on canvas and enlarged to a whopping 44 inches wide and 60 inches tall; a size of art sure to add impact wherever the painting chooses to live. It will launch this Saturday at all CB2 stores. To be considered somewhat of an artist puts a great check on my bucket list, next thing to tackle will be a recorded song; or perhaps I should just stick to decorating.

I've always professed that one of the easiest ways to add impact to any room is by hanging large scale artwork on the walls. Big art can help add impact to a small or characterless room; and without taking up any floor space.

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Marta Calles, president of Crate & Barrel and yours truly at Toronto's CB2 store. CONTRIBUTED

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Believe it or not, home renos don't actually happen in 22 minutes

Reality check. Jim Caruk offers an insider view of house repairs and revamp in HGTV's Builder Boss

While "the big reveal" remains a centrepiece on home renovation shows, there's considerable time and toiling that occurs behind the scenes to refurbish and transform spaces featured on-air.

Longtime contractor Jim Caruk and his team offer an insider perspective of the pinnacles and pitfalls of home construction on Builder Boss which premieres Thursday at 10:30 p.m. ET on HGTV.

"We want (viewers) to understand the building process because it's a huge industry; and I think over the last 10 to 12 years it's even gotten bigger with all these shows that are coming out. But what isn't shown on some of these different shows is the actual time element," Caruk said in a recent interview.

"We blow this thing off in 22 minutes, but it's taken us a year to build — and people don't get that concept. And if they don't understand what they're going to get themselves into — if they're going to renovate their home — it's going to be a disaster."

Caruk filmed seven seasons of HGTV's Real Renos and said Builder Boss takes the previous series to the next level. The show features 13 new builds — nearly double what Caruk and his team would take on in a typical year.

"Needless to say, it was not only exciting but it was definitely gruelling, punishing — everything else to go along with that," said the owner of The Caruk Group.

"Our goal is ... to bring the audience back and take them through the day in the life of a custom builder and show them the real stress and the make-and-break moments of the whole industry. As I like to say, it's time, money and emotion — they don't go well together."

Builder Boss returns to its regular time slot on June 28 at 10 p.m. ET with back-to-back episodes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Building nightmare

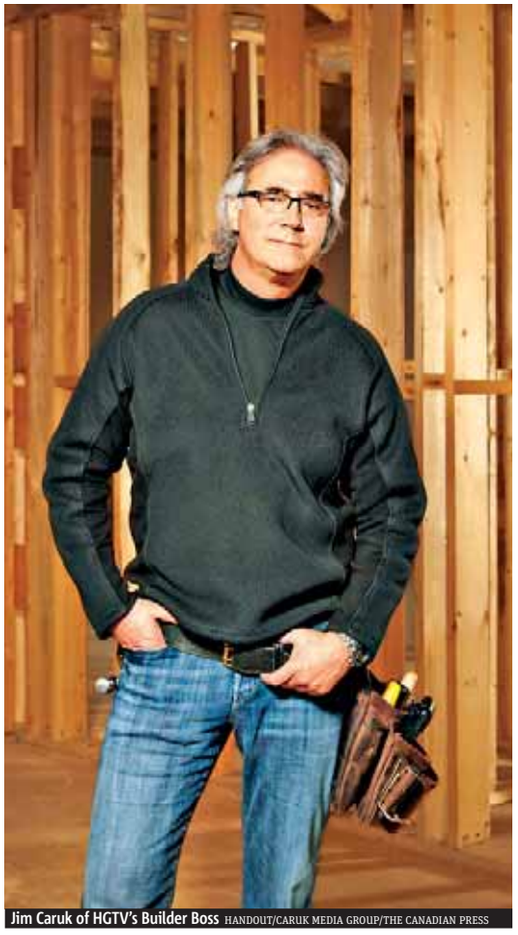
Even pros stumble

The series debut on Thursday features the massive construction of a luxurious, 4,500 square-foot (418 square-metre) Georgian-style mansion which Caruk estimates will be worth $2.5 million upon completion.

The project has a timeline of 10 to 12 months.

After demolishing an old bungalow and excavating for a new foundation, viewers get an up-close view of key steps in the meticulous process, from the building of the basement walls on up.

But as the episode unfolds, it becomes apparent the large-scale project isn't immune from potential hiccups.



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Hey babe, take a walk on the wild-flower side

Gardening tips. They're slower to bloom but much less maintenance than other flowers — and it doesn't hurt that bees and butterflies like them too

Wildflowers are an attractive choice for home gardeners who hope to attract wildlife with plants that are also low-maintenance, and drought and disease-resistant.

Some wildflower varieties require more patience than others and sometimes several seasons before they bloom.

"There are a couple of reasons why people get into wildflowers," said Russ Nicholson, senior agronomist for Pennington Seed Inc. in Madison, Ga.

"One is that they're trying to reduce the size of the area being managed and know wildflowers are easy to grow. Or, two, they might be interested in birds and butterflies, and enjoy having feeders or houses in their gardens to connect with the wildflowers."

One person's wildflower, of course, may be another person's weed.

"Natives" are defined as plants that grew in North America before the Europeans arrived. "Weeds" are any plants growing where they're not wanted.

And then there are "naturalized aliens," plants that have taken hold in certain areas but that should be avoided because they crowd out and contaminate native gene pools.

That would include St. Anne's lace, chicory and ox-eyed daisies. Each appears on many U.S. state and federal noxious weed lists.

Jerry Goodspeed, a Utah State University extension horticulturist, puts it another way: "Enjoy nature where nature is and go to a nursery if you want to grow wildflowers. More plant varieties are becoming available to homeowners each year."

Wildflower varieties are divided into meadow, woodland and wetland. All require some knowledge about where they grow best.

"Meadow varieties are the easiest to cultivate from seed," said Mike Lizotte, managing partner for American Meadows, a gardening company in Williston, Vt.

"Some wildflowers need an exacting microclimate, especially the woodland types. It can take a white trillium from five to seven years to yield a flower from seed."

Many people new to wildflower gardening buy specialty seed blends that give good value for the money, said Lizotte. Wildflower seed mixtures generally include from a dozen to 30 varieties of annuals and perennials.

"Three or four years down the road, people start dialing in on the different species they really liked from the blends," Lizotte added.

Choose bare root plants, plugs or seedlings if you want your wildflower gardening to be fast and easy. Go with seeds if you have large areas to cover.

And mimic Mother Nature by planting in late fall or well into winter.

"That will give them a chance to germinate earlier in the spring, before any leaves come out," Nicholson said. "It's getting pretty late to put something out there around Mother's Day that should be in the ground by February."

Always buy from a reputable source, Lizotte said. "Don't get fooled by packaging or price. Somewhere on the packaging, it will tell you what's in it. Ideally, you want 100 per cent pure seed free of any fill."

For more about the care and feeding of wildflowers, see this planting primer from American Meadows: americanmeadows.com/wildflower-seed-planting-instructions.

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Don't just pick them

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Jerry Goodspeed, a Utah State University extension horticulturist
On where to get wildflowers for your garden

A Wild Tiger Lily in a wildflower garden near New Market, V.A. "Wild" tiger lilies are the ancestors of many hybrids seen in today's home flower beds. DEAN FOSDICK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Don't 'steal' flowers

Shop around for wildflowers rather than seeking them out in the woods. The odds are against the latter surviving because they often require habitats different than those in your yard.

- "It's illegal to pull them out of the ground on most public lands," said Mike Lizotte, managing partner for American Meadows, a gardening company in Williston, Vt. "That can draw a stiff fine."

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Greet these warm summer days with Grilled Salmon (in two tasty ways)

In The New Granville Island Market Cookbook, authors Judie Glick and Carol Jensson offer a range of enticing recipes that span the seasons and showcase the ingredients available at the Granville Island Public Market.

One of the recipes is for this Grilled Salmon, which can be made in two ways. You can add your favourite sauce to enhance the grilled salmon or garnish with just a wedge of lemon.

Serve it with roasted new potatoes and a simple salad.

Ingredients

Option 1

- 1 whole salmon fillet, about 1 kg (2 lb)
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

Option 2

- 60 ml (4 tbsp) mayonnaise (full fat is best)
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) lemon juice
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) freshly ground pepper
- 1 whole salmon fillet, about 1 kg (2 lb)

Option 1

1. Heat barbecue to medium. Oil grill to prevent sticking.

2. Place fillet, skin side down, on barbecue. Close lid and let salmon cook through, 10 to 15 minutes. Place on a platter and serve.

Option 2

1. Heat barbecue to medium. Oil grill to prevent sticking.

2. In bowl, mix mayonnaise, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Place fillet, skin side down, on a sheet of foil and evenly spread mayonnaise mixture over top. Tent foil over salmon and place on barbecue.

3. Grill for 10 to 15 minutes until fish is cooked through. Place on a platter and serve. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ THE NEW GRANVILLE ISLAND MARKET COOKBOOK (ARSENAL, 2012).**

Grilled Salmon Two Ways

Both options serve four people. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Book of the week

Vancouver staple

When Vancouver's Granville Island Public Market opened in 1979, Judie Glick was one of the original vendors. Her love of food inspired her to create a cookbook honouring the market.

Now, Glick has teamed up with Carol Jensson, another longtime market resident, for The New Granville Island Market Cookbook (Arsenal, 2012).

The book is divided into the four seasons, with recipes for appetizers, soups and salads, entrées and fruits, sweets and baked goods. They revamped some of the recipes from the original book — making them lighter and fresher — and added some new ones. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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SPORTS

CFL

Former quarterback picked for Walk of Fame

One of the greatest quarterbacks ever to play in the CFL will be part of Canada's Walk of Fame. Russ Jackson, the Hamilton native who guided the Ottawa Roughriders to three Grey Cup titles, will be inducted Sept. 22.

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On the web

Roger Clemens was acquitted Monday on all charges that he obstructed and lied to Congress in denying he used performance-enhancing drugs. So does the seven-time Cy Young winner now have a better case to be inducted into Cooperstown? Scan the code for the story.

Ryan Braun is tagged out at the plate by Blue Jays catcher Jeff Mathis on Wednesday in Milwaukee. MIKE MCGINNIS/GETTY IMAGES

Blue Jays brushed aside by Brewers

MLB. Toronto bats can't make up for injury-ravaged pitching staff

Toronto's pitching staff remains desperately shorthanded and the Blue Jays weren't able to hit their way out of trouble this time.

With injuries testing the depth of the rotation, emergency starter Joel Carreno gave up three home runs in a five-run second inning and the Blue Jays lost to the Milwaukee Brewers 8-3 on Wednesday.

Carreno (0-2) took the loss shortly after being called up from triple-A Las Vegas.

"It's not the ideal situation when you have to take an overnight flight in here," manager John Farrell said. "That's the circumstances we're in. We're not going to use that as an excuse. It's not the ideal situation."

Despite rallying in the ninth to win Tuesday night, Toronto lost two out of three games to Milwaukee. The Jays also lost third baseman Brett Lawrie, who left the game with right-knee soreness — although Farrell said the move was precautionary.

"It's OK," Lawrie said. "It's not enough to make me not play. At the same time, I just thought that it was time to throw some ice on it. Obviously, tomorrow we have an off-day, which is good. We can treat it tomorrow, ice it all day. I'll be back in there on the next day."

And despite the injury issues on the Blue Jays pitching staff, Lawrie said there isn't undue pressure on the offence.

"I think all series there was a combined 16 home runs and we had 10 of them," Lawrie said. "So it's right there, we're swinging the bats well."

Edwin Encarnacion hit his 20th home run of the season for the Blue Jays, a solo shot in the second.

Yovani Gallardo (6-5) went 6 2/3 innings for Milwaukee, giving up three runs and seven hits with two walks and seven strikeouts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wednesday's game

Brewers	Jays
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Pitching help

The Jays claimed right-hander David Pauley on waivers from the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim on Wednesday.

- Pauley, 29, made five relief appearances for the Angels this season, posting an 0-1 record with a 4.35 ERA. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB

Tulowitzki set to have surgery, return in limbo

Colorado Rockies shortstop Troy Tulowitzki will have surgery on his left groin area on Thursday and it's unknown when he'll return.

Tulowitzki was injured May 30 against Houston, pulling up after running out an infield grounder. The all-star shortstop took himself out of a game last Wednesday at triple-A Colorado Springs after feeling not quite right.

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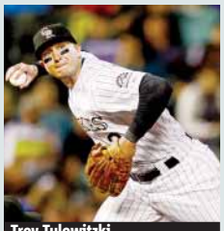

Troy Tulowitzki
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Cycling

Hesjedal nets over $10K for Giro pink jersey

One of Ryder Hesjedal's pink jerseys from his Giro d'Italia victory has fetched $10,300 US on eBay.

The first Canadian man to win one of cycling's three Grand Tours put his Stage 7 autographed jersey up for auction.

Hesjedal has said the money will go to Canadian Athletes Now Fund, or CanFund, and also to his own cycling foundation.

A pink jersey, or maglia rosa, is worn by the Giro d'Italia's overall leader.

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NBA. James getting over cramps, eyeing championship

LeBron James has never been here before.

He's been in nearly every imaginable situation over his nine seasons marked by three MVP awards, three trips to the NBA finals with two teams and one decision that changed everything.

And now this: For the first time, he's one win from a championship.

"I have a job to do," James said Wednesday. "And my job is not done."

The job may get done Thursday night, when the Miami Heat — up 3-1 in this title series — host the Oklahoma City Thunder in Game 5 of the finals. Even after leaving Game 4 late with a cramp, James is on the cusp of finally becoming a champ. He was swept in his first finals trip in 2007, then he and the Heat fell in the 2011 title series in six games.

Treatment

- James got treatment again Wednesday but said soreness that followed the cramps in his left leg was easing.
- James could not finish Game 4, though he returned after the first wave of cramps hit and delivered a key three-pointer.

After countless ups and downs, the 804th game of his career may be the one that ends his title quest.

"I have no idea what I'll say before we go out there," said James. "But hopefully whatever I say will inspire our guys to go out and give a good show."

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Malkin wins big at NHL Awards

Evgeni Malkin of the Pittsburgh Penguins speaks onstage Wednesday after winning the Art Ross Trophy during the 2012 NHL Awards in Las Vegas. Malkin won the Hart Trophy and the Ted Lindsay Award, as well as the Art Ross Trophy he'd already wrapped up after leading the NHL in scoring with 109 points. ISAAC BREKKEN/GETTY IMAGES

Chief ref admits mistake on Ukraine goal

Ukraine should have been awarded a goal in its European Championship game against England, UEFA refereeing chief Pierluigi Collina said Wednesday.

"We made a mistake," Collina said. "I wish we hadn't made the mistake but we did. Referees are human beings and human beings make mistakes."

England defender John Terry made a goal-line clearance in the decisive group match in Donetsk on Tuesday, but replays showed the ball was over the line. England led 1-0 at the time.

Collina said Hungarian referee Viktor Kassai and his team of assistants would play no further part in the tournament, but no blame was attributed to the referee. He said Kassai would have found himself under too much pressure if he had stayed.

"Kassai is one of the best referees in Europe," Collina said. Collina and UEFA executives faced hostile questioning about Tuesday's decision and the use of goal-line technology, which is being tested by FIFA.

UEFA said that of 302 close decisions made by referees in the 24 matches so far, 289 of them were correct and 13 incorrect, a 95.7 per cent accuracy rate.

"That's a huge result, even though we must still improve," Collina said.

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Quoted

"After (Tuesday) night's match (goal-line technology) is no longer an alternative but a necessity."

FIFA president Sepp Blatter wrote on Twitter Wednesday

Ronaldo key to Portugal success in quarter-final

Euro 2012. Czech Republic coach Bilik puts emphasis on smothering Portuguese star

Cristiano Ronaldo now gets the royal, reverential treatment at the European Championship even from some of his opponents.

The Czech Republic faces Portugal on Thursday and by now, most are in such awe of the creative talents of the Real Madrid superstar that there is no point in hiding tactics.

It is clear that Portugal will seek to push Ronaldo forward to expose the Czech defence, and equally clear that Czech coach Michal Bilik has already planned on how to deny him the necessary space to spread his magic.

"If Ronaldo runs, it is impossible to stop him," Bilik said on the eve of the quarter-final. "We have to close the defence and not give him any space."

If the opponents are already full of admiration, Ronaldo's own teammates tried to outdo one another.

Cristiano Ronaldo scores his team's second goal past Maarten Stekelenburg of the Netherlands Sunday in Kharkov, Ukraine. IAN WALTON/GETTY IMAGES

Midfielder Joao Moutinho called Ronaldo the best in the world — better even than Lionel Messi — and coach Paulo Bento protected him when his lack of defending was questioned.

"Every player has his own function or task," Bento said. "We try to combine this in the best possible way."

This comes after Ronaldo was criticized for two wasteful games that put Portugal on the brink of elimination. Then he produced two goals and perhaps his best international game in a 2-1 come-from-behind win over the Netherlands to earn Portugal a spot in the quarter-finals.

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Past matches

- **The Czech Republic and Portugal have met twice since the split of Czechoslovakia in 1993. Both encounters took place at European Championships.**
- The Czechs stunned Portugal 1-0 in the 1996 quarter-finals in England, while the Portuguese won a group-stage match 3-1 in 2008 at the tournament co-hosted by Austria and Switzerland.

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MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	41	27	.603	—
Baltimore	39	29	.574	2
Tampa Bay	38	29	.567	2½
Boston	34	33	.507	6½
Toronto	35	34	.507	6½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	35	32	.522	—
Chicago	35	33	.515	½
Detroit	33	34	.493	2
Kansas City	31	36	.463	4
Minnesota	26	40	.394	8½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	42	27	.609	—
Los Angeles	37	32	.536	5
Oakland	32	36	.471	9½
Seattle	30	41	.423	13

INTERLEAGUE

Wednesday's results
Milwaukee 8 Toronto 3
Arizona 14, Seattle 10
Atlanta 10 N.Y. Yankees 5
Kansas City 2 Houston 1
Texas at San Diego
Cincinnati at Cleveland
Minnesota at Pittsburgh
St. Louis at Detroit
Tampa Bay at Washington
Baltimore at N.Y. Mets
Miami at Boston
Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox
L.A. Dodgers at Oakland
San Francisco at L.A. Angels
Tuesday's results
Toronto 10 Milwaukee 9
Atlanta 4 N.Y. Yankees 3
Boston 7 Miami 5
Chicago Cubs 2 Chicago White Sox 1
Cleveland 3 Cincinnati 2 (10 innings)
Detroit 6 St. Louis 3
Kansas City 2 Houston 0
L.A. Angels 12 San Francisco 5
N.Y. Mets 5 Baltimore 0
Oakland 3 L.A. Dodgers 0
Pittsburgh 7 Minnesota 2
Seattle 12 Arizona 9 (10 innings)
Tampa Bay 5 Washington 4
Texas 7 San Diego 3
Thursday's Games — All Times Eastern
St. Louis (Lohse 6-2) at Detroit (Turner 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 5-3) at Oakland (Blackley 1-2), 3:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Hendriks 0-3) at Pittsburgh (Ja.McDonald 5-3), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (M.Moore 4-5) at Washington (G.Gonzalez 8-3), 7:05 p.m.
Miami (Zambrano 4-5) at Boston (Matsuzaka 0-2), 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	38	27	.585	—
Atlanta	37	32	.536	3
New York	37	32	.536	3
Miami	33	34	.493	6
Philadelphia	32	37	.464	8

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	38	29	.567	—
Pittsburgh	35	31	.530	2½
St. Louis	34	34	.500	4½
Milwaukee	32	37	.464	7
Houston	28	41	.406	11
Chicago	24	44	.353	14½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	42	26	.618	—
San Francisco	38	31	.551	4½
Arizona	34	35	.493	8½
Colorado	25	41	.379	16
San Diego	24	45	.348	18½

Wednesday's result
Colorado at Philadelphia
Tuesday's result
Philadelphia 7 Colorado 2
Thursday's game — All Times Eastern
Colorado (Francis 0-1) at Philadelphia (Worley 3-3), 7:05 p.m.

BREWERS 8, BLUE JAYS 3

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Milwaukee	ab	r	h	bi
Lawrie 3b	3	1	0	0	CGomz cf	4	2	1	2
YEscor ph-ss	1	0	0	0	Morgan rf	4	1	2	1
Rasms cf	4	0	1	1	Braun lf	4	1	3	2
Bautist rf	4	0	0	0	Aoki lf	0	0	0	0
Encrnc 1b	4	1	2	2	ArRmr 3b	4	0	1	0
KJhnsn 2b	4	0	1	0	Hart 1b	3	1	1	1
Mathis c	3	0	1	0	RWeks 2b	4	0	0	0
Vizquel ss-3b	4	0	1	0	Ransm ss	3	1	0	0
RDavis lf	4	0	2	0	MIdnd c	4	1	3	2
Carren p	1	0	0	0	Gallard p	3	1	1	0
Laffey p	1	0	0	0	Dillard p	0	0	0	0
Cooper ph	1	1	1	0	Kottars ph	1	0	0	0
L.Perez p	0	0	0	0	Fiers p	0	0	0	0
Arencii ph	1	0	0	0					
Frasor p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	**35**	**3**	**9**	**3**	**Totals**	**34**	**8**	**12**	**8**

Toronto 010 000 200 — 3
Milwaukee 050 010 20x — 8

DP—Toronto 1. LOB—Toronto 10, Milwaukee 5. 2B—Rasmus (15), Braun (12), Ar.Ramirez (20), M.Maldonado (1), Gallardo (1). HR—Encarnacion (20), C.Gomez (3), Braun (20), Hart (15), M.Maldonado (5). SB—C.Gomez (8), Braun (12), Hart (2). S—Mathis.

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Carreno L,0-2	3	5	5	5	2	3
Laffey	3	3	1	1	1	1
L.Perez	1	3	2	2	0	1
Frasor	1	1	0	0	0	2
Milwaukee						
Gallardo W,6-5	6	2-3	7	3	3	2	7
Dillard H,1	1	1-3	2	0	0	1	2
Fiers	1		0	0	0	0	2

HBP—by Dillard (Encarnacion).
T—3:03. A—33,077 (41,900) at Milwaukee, Wisc.

NBA PLAYOFFS

THE FINALS

(Best of 7)
OKLAHOMA CITY (W2) VS. MIAMI (E2)
(Miami leads series 3-1)
Tuesday's result
Miami 104 Oklahoma City 98
Thursday's game — All Times Eastern
Oklahoma City at Miami, 9 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-Miami at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, June 26
x-Miami at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.
x — played only if necessary.

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Claimed RHP David Pauley off waivers from the L.A. Angels. Assigned RHP Shawn Hill to Las Vegas (PCL). Optioned 3B Yan Gomes to Las Vegas. Recalled RHP Joel Carreno from Las Vegas.

NHL

MONTREAL CANADIENS — Named Donald Dufresne assistant coach and Vincent Riendeau goaltending consultant of Hamilton (AHL).

CFL

PRE-SEASON

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Toronto	2	2	0	0	54	44	4
Winnipeg	1	1	0	0	22	10	2
Hamilton	1	0	1	0	24	29	0
Montreal	2	0	2	0	30	47	0

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
B.C.	1	1	0	0	44	10	2
Calgary	1	1	0	0	20	17	0
Edmonton	1	0	1	0	17	20	0
Saskatchewan	1	0	1	0	10	44	0

WEEK TWO
Wednesday's result
Hamilton at Winnipeg
Tuesday's result
Toronto 25 Montreal 20
Thursday's game — All Times Eastern
B.C. at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Friday's game
Calgary at Saskatchewan, 9 p.m.
END OF PRE-SEASON

GOLF

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

PGA TOUR

TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP
Site: Cromwell, Conn.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: TPC River Highlands (6,841 yards, par 70).
Purse: US$6.5 million. **Winner's share**: $1.17 million.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com

LPGA TOUR

MANULIFE FINANCIAL LPGA CLASSIC
Site: Waterloo, Ont.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Grey Silo Golf Course (6,532 yards, par 71).
Purse: $1.3 million. **Winner's share:** $195,000.
Last year: Inaugural event.
Online: http://www.lpga.com

CHAMPIONS TOUR

MONTREAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Site: Sainte-Julie, Que.
Schedule: Friday-Sunday.
Course: Vallee du Richelieu Golf Club, Vercheres Course (6,894 yards, par 72).
Purse: $1.8 million. **Winner's share**: $270,000.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com

EUROPEAN PGA TOUR

BMW INTERNATIONAL OPEN
Site: Pulheim, Germany.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Gut Larchenhof Golf Club (7,228 yards, par 72).
Purse: $2.52 million. **Winner's share:** $419,460.
Online: http://www.europeantour.com

NATIONWIDE TOUR

WICHITA OPEN
Site: Wichita, Kan.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Crestview Country Club (6,951 yards, par 71).
Purse: $600,000. **Winner's share:** $108,000.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com

CANADIAN TOUR

ATB FINANCIAL CLASSIC
Site: Edmonton.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Windermere Golf and Country Club.
Online: http://www.cantour.comThie

TENNIS

ATP-WTA AEGON INTERNATIONAL

At Eastbourne, England
Men
Singles — Second Round
Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. Marcel Granollers (2), Spain, 6-1, 4-6, 7-6 (2)
Andreas Seppi (3), Italy, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 7-6 (2), 6-3.
Fabio Fognini, Italy, def. Bernard Tomic (4), Australia, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5
Andy Roddick (6), U.S., def. Jeremy Chardy, France, 6-2, 7-6 (6)
Philipp Kohlschreiber (7), Germany, def. Jamie Baker, Britain, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3
Steve Darcis, Belgium, def. Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4
Ryan Harrison, U.S., def. Yen-Hsun Lu, Taipei, 6-1, 7-6 (2)
Doubles — Quarter-finals
Michail Elgin, Russia, and Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. Daniele Bracciali and Andreas Seppi, Italy, 5-7, 7-6 (1), 12-10 (tiebreak).
Colin Fleming and Ross Hutchins (3), Britain, def. Jonathan Erlich and Andy Ram, Israel, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (2).
Jamie Delgado and Ken Skupski, Britain, def. Pablo Andujar and Albert Ramos, Spain, 6-3, 6-0.
Matthew Ebden, Australia, and Donald Young, U.S., def. Dominic Inglot and Jonathan Marray, Britain, 6-2, 4-6, 11-9 (tiebreak).
Women
Singles — Second Round
Marion Bartoli (4), France, def. **Aleksandra Wozniak, Blainville, Que.**, 6-2, 6-2.
Angelique Kerber (5), Germany, def. Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, 6-3, 6-2.
Lucie Safarova (7), Czech Republic, def. Heather Watson, Britain, 7-6 (5), 6-1.
Tamira Paszek, Austria, def. Daniela Hantuchova (8), Slovakia, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1
Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, def. Petra Cetkovska, (9), Czech Republic, 6-1, 1-6, 6-2
Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, def. **Stephanie Dubois, Laval, Que.,** 6-0, 4-6, 6-4.
Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Laura Robson, Britain, 6-4, 7-5.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, def. Christina McHale, U.S., 7-5, 3-6, 6-4.

ATP-WTA UNICEF OPEN

At Den Bosch, Netherlands
Men
Singles — Second Round
David Ferrer (1), Spain, def. Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, 6-3, 6-1.
Tatsuma Ito, Japan, def. Jurgen Melzer (3), Austria, 6-2, 6-2.
Benoit Paire, France, def. Lukasz Kubot (8), Poland, 6-3, 0-6, 6-4.
Igor Sijsling, Netherlands, def. Olivier Rochus, Belgium, 7-5, 7-6 (4).
Xavier Malisse, Belgium, def. Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, 7-6 (3), 6-2.
Philipp Petzschner, Germany, def. Mate Pavic, Croatia (walkover).
Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, def. Flavio Cipolla, Italy, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.
Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, def. Alejandro Falla, Colombia, 6-3, 6-0.
Women
Singles — Second Round
Roberta Vinci (6), Italy, def. Monica Niculescu, Romania, 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-0.
Francesca Schiavone, Italy, def. Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (8).
Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, def. Daria Gavrilova, Russia, 7-5, 7-6 (4).
Sofia Arvidsson, Sweden, def. Arantxa Rus, Netherlands, 6-4, 6-1.
Doubles — Semifinals
Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (1), Italy, def. Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia, and Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 3-6, 10-6 (tiebreak).

WIMBLEDON QUALIFYING

At Roehampton, England
(qualifying-round winners advance to main draw)
Men's Singles — Qualifying Round
Jurgen Zopp (1), Estonia, def. Izak Van der Merwe, South Africa, 6-4, 6-1, 4-6, 7-5.
Michael Russell (4), U.S., def. Yuichi Sugita, Japan, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.
Jesse Levine (5), U.S., def. Wayne Odesnik (20), U.S., 7-6 (3), 6-1, 6-2.
Dustin Brown, Germany, def. Rajeev Ram (8), U.S., 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
Simone Bolelli (9), Italy, def. Maxime Authom, Belgium, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4.
Jimmy Wang, Taiwan, def. Roberto Bautista-Agut (10), Spain, 6-0, 6-7 (5), 7-5.
Brian Baker (11), U.S., def. Maxime Teixeira, France, 5-7, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.
Ruben Bemelmans (18), Belgium, def. Farrukh Dustov, Uzbekistan, 6-3, 6-7 (3), 7-5, 6-1.
Ryan Sweeting (21), U.S., def. Peter Torebko, Germany, 3-6, 1-6, 7-6 (3), 7-5, 6-4.
Florent Serra (22), France, def. Matteo Viola, Italy, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (5), 6-7 (8), 6-4.
Jerzy Janowicz (24), Poland, def. Denis Kudla, U.S., 6-1, 6-0, 6-2.
Inigo Cervantes (31), Spain, def. **Erik Chvojka, Montreal**, 6-7 (4), 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (3), 6-2.
Andrey Kuznetsov (32), Russia, def. Marc Gicquel, France, 4-6, 6-0, 6-3, 6-2.
Adrian Menendez-Maceiras, Spain, def. Ivan Navarro, Spain, 7-5, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.
Guillaume Rufin, France, def. Jonathan Dasnieres de Veigy, France, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-4.
Kenny de Schepper, France, def. Marcel Felder, Uruguay, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.
Doubles — Qualifying Round
Andre Begemann, Germany, and Igor Zelenay (5), Slovakia, def. Rik de Voest, South Africa, and **Adil Shamasdin, Pickering, Ont.**, 6-4, 6-2.
Lewis Burton and George Morgan, Britain, def. Adrian Menendez-Maceiras, Spain, and Philipp Oswald (8), Austria, 7-6 (1), 4-6, 7-5.
Women's Singles — Second Round
Melinda Czink (1), Hungary, def. Maria Joao Koehler, Portugal, 7-6 (4), 2-6, 8-6.
Maria Elena Camerin, Italy, def. Garbine Muguruza Blanco (3), Spain, 6-4, 6-2.
Misaki Doi (4), Japan, def. Madison Keys, U.S., 5-7, 7-5, 6-3.
Sesil Karatantcheva (5), Kazakhstan, def. Lisa Whybourn, Britain, 5-7, 6-4, 6-0.
Kristyna Pliskova, Czech Republic, def. Stefanie Voegele (8), Switzerland, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.
Karolina Pliskova (9), Czech Republic, def. Michelle Larcher de Brito, Portugal, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
Camila Giorgi, Italy, def. Olivia Rogowska (10), Australia, 6-1, 6-4.
Lara Arruabarrena-Vecin (11), Spain, def. Tatjana Malek, Germany, 6-3, 6-3.
Mirjana Lucic (12), Croatia, def. Gisela Dulko, Argentina, 6-4, 6-2.
Claire Aurelle Feuerstein (13), France, def. Yuliya Beygelzimer, Ukraine, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.
CoCo Vandeweghe (14), U.S., def. Kathrin Woerle, Germany, 6-4, 6-4.
Valeria Savinykh (15), Russia, def. Ines Ferrer Suarez, Spain, 6-3, 6-4.
Irena Pavlovic, France, def. Erika Sema (16), Japan, 6-0, 6-4.
Alexa Glatch, U.S., def. Aravane Rezai (17), France, 7-6 (5), 6-2.
Annika Beck, Germany, def. Yvonne Meusburger (20), Austria, 6-2, 6-3.
Kristina Mladenovic, France, def. Dinah Pfizenmaier (21), Germany, 6-3, 6-4.
Sandra Zaniewska, Poland, def. Mihaela Buzarnescu (23), Romania, 6-3, 6-1.
Bibiane Schoofs (24), Netherlands, def. Zheng Saisai, China, 6-3, 6-3.
Marta Sirotkina, Russia, def. **Heidi El Tabakh, Toronto**, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Doubles — First Round
Sharon Fichman, Toronto, and Sesil Karatantcheva, Kazakhstan, def. Mariana Duque-Marino, Colombia, and Edina Gallovits-Hall (7), Romania, 6-1, 7-6 (5).

SOCCER

EURO 2012

FIRST ROUND

x — clinched quarter-final berth

GROUP A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-Czech Rep.	3	2	0	1	4	4	6
x-Greece	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Russia	3	1	1	1	5	3	4
Poland	3	0	2	1	2	3	2

GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-Germany	3	3	0	0	5	2	9
x-Portugal	3	2	0	1	5	4	6
Denmark	3	1	0	2	4	5	3
Netherlands	3	0	0	3	2	5	0

GROUP C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-Spain	3	2	1	0	6	1	7
x-Italy	3	1	2	0	4	2	5
Croatia	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
Ireland	3	0	0	3	1	9	0

GROUP D

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-England	3	2	1	0	5	3	7
x-France	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Ukraine	3	1	0	2	2	4	3
Sweden	3	1	0	2	5	5	3

QUARTER-FINALS

Thursday's game — All Times Eastern
At Warsaw, Poland
Czech Republic vs. Portugal, 2:45 p.m.
Friday's game
At Gdansk, Poland
Germany vs. Greece, 2:45 p.m.
Saturday's game
At Kiev, Ukraine
Spain vs. France, 2:45 p.m.
Sunday's game
At Donetsk, Ukraine
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	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
D.C.	16	9	4	3	29	19	30
Kansas City	13	9	3	1	19	10	28
New York	14	8	4	2	27	21	26
Chicago	14	6	5	3	18	18	21
Houston	13	5	4	4	15	16	19
Columbus	13	5	4	4	13	13	19
New England	14	5	7	2	18	18	17
Montreal	14	4	7	3	19	22	15
Philadelphia	12	2	8	2	8	15	8
Toronto	11	1	10	0	8	23	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Salt Lake	15	10	3	2	25	14	32
San Jose	14	8	3	3	27	17	27
Vancouver	14	7	3	4	17	15	25
Seattle	14	7	4	3	17	13	24
Colorado	14	6	7	1	20	19	19
Chivas USA	14	4	7	3	9	17	15
Los Angeles	14	4	8	2	16	21	14
Portland	13	3	6	4	12	16	13
Dallas	16	3	9	4	16	26	13

Wednesday's results
Toronto at Houston
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San Jose at Colorado
Kansas City at Seattle
Montreal at Chivas USA
New York at Vancouver
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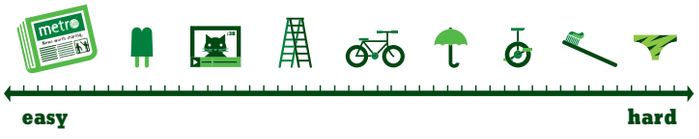

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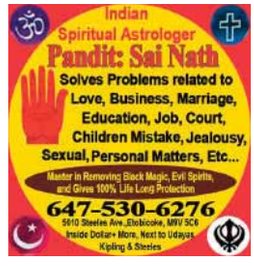
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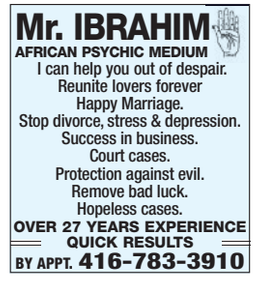

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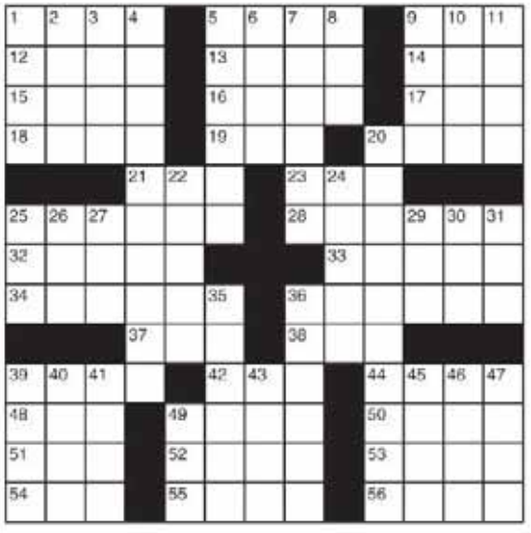

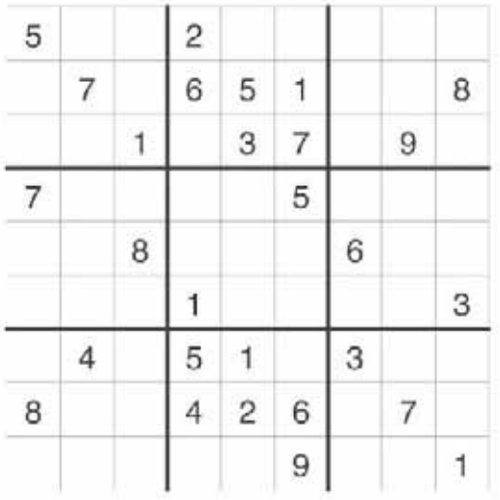

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Gemini | May 22 - June 20. By all means, make an effort to see things from someone else's point of view but don't go too far and betray your own beliefs.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You want to do good deeds for people but don't spend so much time helping strangers that you neglect those you are closest to emotionally.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. In some people's eyes, you have been a bit too self-obsessed of late. Time to remind them you're a nice guy.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. People in positions of authority will go out of their way to help you today. This may surprise you considering how difficult they have been in recent weeks but it's not a trick.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Venus, your ruler, is aligned with Uranus, planet of changes, so if you need to shake things up a bit, you'll find it easy to do so.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. The intensity of your feelings may surprise you today, but only because you have bottled up your emotions for so long. Something will happen that brings it all out into the open.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Partnerships generally and affairs of the heart in particular will improve to no end over the next few days.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Something you took a bit too seriously in the past will no longer worry you. In fact, you'll put it out of your mind for good.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. No matter how much your creative efforts may have been hindered in the past, you will find it easy to sidestep obstructions and do something extraordinary now.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Try to be a bit more discerning about who you show warmth and regard for. Yes, of course, each soul is precious but you cannot give your heart to everyone. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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